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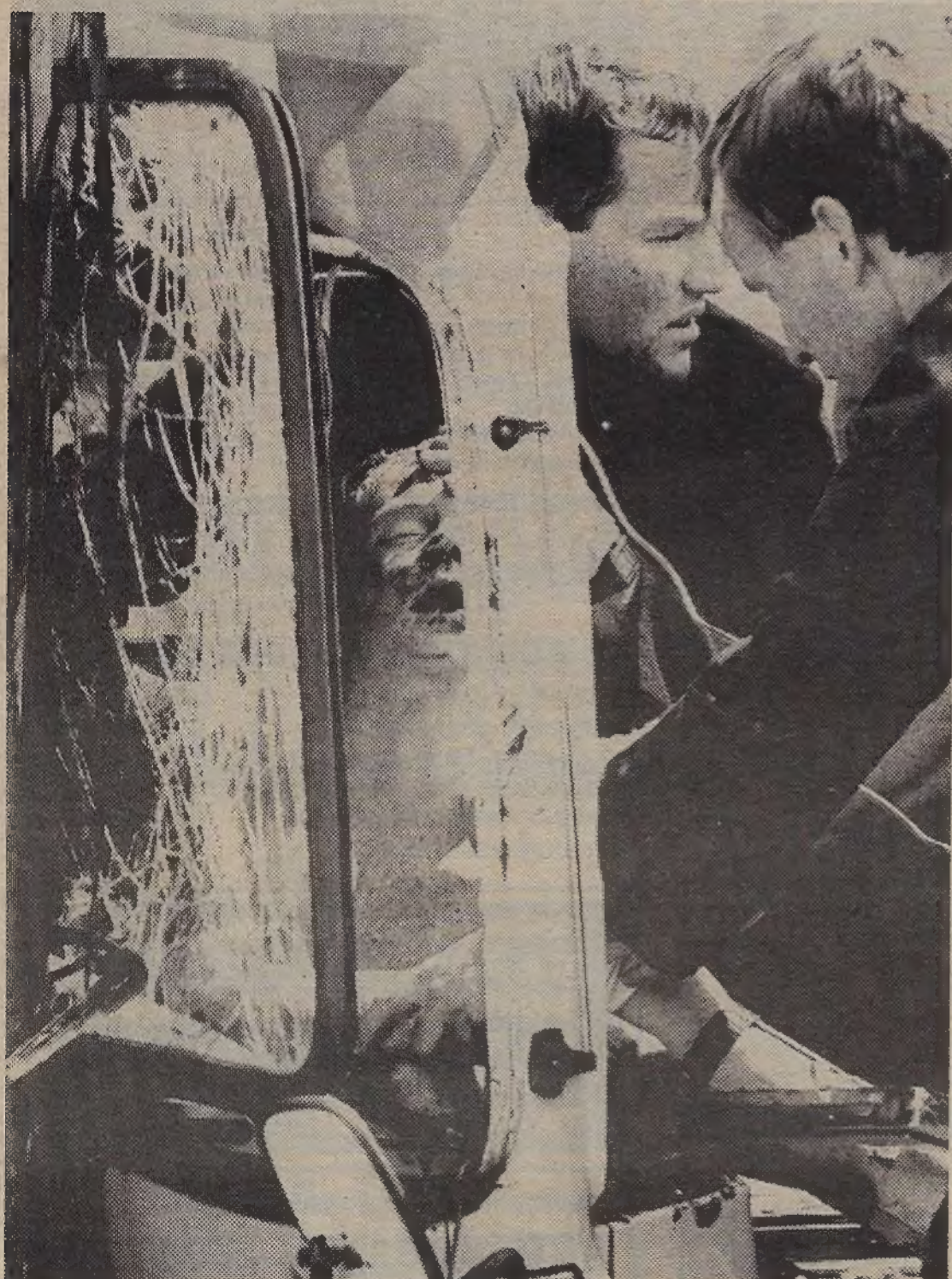
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A TRAPPED boy receives attention from paramedics at the serious car smash that affected a group of Wollongong City supporters as well as the club's cheer squad. The mini-bus was en route to the State Bank League grand final at Parramatta Stadium in Sydney.

Photo by courtesy SYDNEY DAILY TELEGRAPH

WOLVES' TRAGEDY

BY ALEX VESIC

A 37 year old Warrawong man has died from injuries sustained in the bus crash whilst on the way to the Wollongong City — Canberra City Grand Final held at Parramatta Stadium.

The accident happened at 12.10pm at Moorebank as the bus, carrying Wollongong City supporters and the cheer squad, collided with a sedan travelling in the same direction along Nuwarra Rd, Moorebank.

The bus swiped the sedan before hitting a power pole, bringing down power lines. Daniel Talakovski lost his battle for life after an operation at St Vincents Hospital.

Amongst the injured was the bus driver, Don Polk and his 13 year old son Timothy. Don Polk is recovering in Bankstown

Hospital after surgery, while his son is in a critical condition after an operation at Westmead Hospital.

The police rescue squad, ambulance and paramedics worked for more than an hour to free some of the injured.

Bogo Kristanovski, Melissa Coltyman, John Hol and Gerritt Hendricks were treated at Liverpool Hospital after the crash.

Twelve others were treated at Bankstown Hospital. They were: Carla Brennan, Keren Cooper, Darren Polk, Franco Sera, Draga Popeski, George Talakovski, Alex Talakovski, Gerdina Hendricks, Petronela Hol, Margaret Badger and Don Polk.

The driver of the sedan, Giuseppe Piccirilli, 41, from Wollongong was also on his way to the Grand Final.

"I don't know what happened. I was driving slowly at about 40 km an hour

around the bend when I felt the bus hit the back door on my left hand side. I pulled over and saw the bus smashed into the pole," said a distressed Mr Piccirilli.

John Vlietstra, the secretary of the Wollongong City Soccer Club, was amongst those who left the Parramatta stadium at the first news of the tragic accident. He was not to see his side win the Grand Final as he travelled between hospitals hoping for encouraging news.

But it wasn't to be. Mr Danny Talakovski was to die two days later.

"The accident was a tragedy for the Wollongong City Soccer Club as well as for our community," said Mr Vlietstra.

It was a subdued evening at the Fraternity Club, where the Grand Final victory was to be celebrated in fine style, as news filtered through from various hospitals concerning the condition of the injured.

FAWKNER—THOMASTOWN

PROMINENT Victorian State League clubs Fawkner and Thomastown have decided to explore the possibility of amalgamation of their football interests.

The objective is to fight for a NSL place.

Meanwhile tonight (Wed) in the State League Cup semi-finals at John Caine Reserve, Green Gully plays Caulfield at 7pm, followed by Maribyrnong Polonia and Fawkner.

On Sunday the final will be contested by Green Gully Reserve, with the 3v4 play-off at 1pm.

GREEKS BLOCK PATIKAS

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

JIMMY PATIKAS, Australia's World Cup attacking midfielder, will be prevented from playing for Australia in the Olympic Games qualifiers in March by Greek First Division club AEK.

Last night Patikas told me from Athens that his request for a release to play for Australia had been flatly refused by AEK president, Mr Sapiropoulos.

"He made it clear that they didn't pay big money for me to leave them half way through the season,

and that my release would not be granted.

"I certainly want to play for Australia if Frank Arok needs me," Patikas said.

When I contacted Arok last night with this startling news the Australian coach was shattered.

He stated angrily "Of course I want Patikas and want him badly.

"It is absolutely necessary for him to come back to play for Australia. I did not expect any problems from Greece.

"It was my understand-



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The Editor

ONE of the most pleasing opportunities that has come in Australian Soccer this year is to wish bon voyage and success to the Australian Under 20 team.

To join in the World Youth Cup finals for the fourth consecutive time is a dream almost beyond belief.

If we are honest we should in all probability recognise that Australia does get a benefit in the Youth preliminaries of coming from Oceania, where England, Italy, Spain, Argentina or Brazil don't have to be faced.

But having got there, there are many examples of how the young Australian side has shone in top international company.

And, based on the obvious strength and experience of the present group that leaves for Chile today, there is no reason why they cannot cover Australia in glory once again.

It can be acknowledged that not enough Australians will recognise the ability and the coming exploits of this team.

But very many will, and the results will be available to the public to extend the bounds of Association football in the Australian community.

The squad is a good one - indeed a highly competent one - and behind it is a seasoned team of specialists.

Les Scheinflug is coach for the third time and he has the chance to again prove that he knows the ropes, after somehow being passed over in 1985.

His assistant Vic Fernandez from the ACT is one of the legends of the growth in skill in Australian football.

Seasoned administrator Michael Weinstein is party leader, with trainer Michael Urukalo, physiotherapist Charlie Jurisic, team doctor Siri Kanangara and administrator Brian Emery.

It has been difficult for Soccer people to understand how striker Scott Ollerenshaw missed a position in the squad but if this is the column in which to review the omission it is certainly not the correct time.

One last minute bonus has been the securing of three matches in Buenos Aires on the way in to Santiago.

It will be Australia's first taste of the South American style.

No doubt these games will be used properly to enable the squad to be finely tuned to prepare for the big event.

For better or for worse it seems that top football goes through system fads. They serve their purpose and then are replaced by new styles.

The present squad is working to a two-prong strike force, using Paul Trimboli, partnered by either Jason van Blerk, John Anastasidis or Alistair Edwards.

The midfield includes some excellent practitioners of the calibre of Craig Moffitt, Lou Hristodoulou, John Koch, Jason Polak, Abbas Saad and perhaps Edwards.

In defence it is expected that David Healy or Koch, Kurt Reynolds, George Kulcsar and Darren Northam could get the nod, with Brett Hughes backed up by George Bohoutsos in goal.

No doubt the Australians will be gathering information on the unknown Africans, Togo, as soon as they arrive.

The games in Group A are v Togo (October 11), v Yugoslavia (October 14) and v Chile (October 17).

It will be a task of monumental proportions to go on from there, but it is far from beyond the capacity of this fine team.

Listed on Page 3 are the players who have so outstandingly represented Australia in past World Youth Cups.

Many past players have gone on to big things at senior national or national league level.

The present squad has members who will be no exception in this regard.

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It has been pointed out that Soccer has been extremely fortunate to have a squad of young players centred on the Australian Institute of Sport.

The cost of this exercise has been reckoned out at some \$250,000 per annum.

The country as a whole gains at the sporting level from building high quality Soccer footballers, in view of the worldwide popularity of the game.

Australia's name is brought to the fore when teams go away because of the high level of publicity exposure obtained.

Australian Soccer at the same time obtains a tremendous benefit, in that the apparatus is in place to ensure the standard of play can increase.

For all the deficits in Australian Soccer, there is no doubt that young locally born or trained players are of a deal higher quality than was the case quite some years ago.

With Government cut-backs in funding it may be that States and Associations across Australia may be prepared to invest funds in the game's future.

Donations to the AIS will help to keep the squad at 18 members.

Any such action will show the Federal Department of Sport and Recreation that the Soccer code is quite prepared to do what it can to keep the ball moving.

KEVIN HAGAN — RIGHT ON THE SPOT



BY RALE RASIC

REMEMBER back to 1981 when Rudi Gutendorf was the Australian coach, and New Zealand knocked Australia out of the World Cup with a 2-0 win at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

At that stage Australia decided that New Zealand players weren't wanted here, on the ground that they became too well

versed in our style of play and our players.

Those involved included Duncan Cole, Glen Dods, Steve Wooddin, Steve Sumner, Richard Wilson, Brian Turner and Clive Campbell.

Time has moved on. Today we have Clint Gosling, New Zealand's No 1 goalkeeper still playing here and now with Sydney's Melita Eagles.

Andy Deeley, who was with Gisborne City, is now with Heidelberg.

Kevin Hagan was with North Shore United under coach Kevin Fallon, the New Zealand national coach, before he came across for a handful of games with the former Sydney City club before joining St George.

At the time Saints' coach Frank Arok snapped up Hagan he was doing it tough with some young players and with limited experience.

Hagan is a gifted striker who can do a sound job right across the park.

I have no doubt that he and Steve O'Connor have lifted St George to a Top Five position, and that without them they could well have been struggling to stay in the League.

Question

Having said that, I wonder whether a distinct problem is developing.

Is Hagan learning a great deal about Frank's tactics and his mental, psychological and physical approach to the game.

And will Hagan's knowledge ultimately benefit New Zealand rather than Australia, of which Frank is also the coach.

Is our National team in front or behind?

Surely a coach can't prepare teams in different ways, so that a player like Hagan becomes confused over the outcome.

Does Frank learn more from Kevin, or vice versa.

If Kevin isn't proud to be playing for New Zealand he shouldn't be turning out for them. So he must be proud of his position.

Does New Zealand coach Kevin Fallon gain up to date knowledge of



St George's New Zealand international Kevin Hagan struts his stuff.

the way in which Frank thinks.

After two matches against New Zealand and the pre-Olympic period approaching Australia hasn't had much success.

St George is doing well

at club level with Kevin Hagan's help.

Looking again to the international scene, could Frank be having any second thoughts over having Kevin in his club team...

NSL FIXTURES

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RICHARD LORENC LOOKS AHEAD

BY KEITH GILMOUR

SYDNEY schoolteacher Richard Lorenc has made a big break into international football refereeing by being chosen to referee at the World Youth finals in Chile.

Already he has experienced plenty of international matches at various levels, beginning with Australia-Middlesborough and Australia-Glasgow Celtic as far back as 1976.

On the World Cup scene he handled matches in New Zealand two years ago, and was across the Tasman again early this year for the Oceania World Youth Cup preliminaries.

Lorenc followed the steps of brother Eddie into the junior playing ranks with West Ryde Rovers and Gladesville-Hornsby.

It was no surprise that he turned to refereeing, as in the Gladesville-Hornsby district were top referees such as Roy Pearce, Peter Rampley, Tim Davies, Keith Lockrey and Frankie Johns.

Lorenc, now 35, has helped in the NSW Primary schools Soccer over many years, having regularly being convenor and state coach and manager before deciding to concentrate move on being a whistler.

For Richard the sky is the limit in international refereeing. He wants to follow Tony Boskovic and Chris Bambridge to the top.

Personally, as a former Gladesville-Hornsby secretary, I never doubted Richard's drive.

At any rate not since the day when I marked his trainee teachers' project on Soccer refereeing before he gained his first school posting!



RICHARD LORENC, hopefully will not require the help of the police force in Chile.

BUENOS AIRES SHARPENER

TACTICALLY the Young Socceroos have been well prepared to meet the World Youth Cup challenge in Chile.

And they have the chance to tune up in three games in Argentina in a few days time.

They meet Boca Juniors, Velez Sarsfield and Newells Old Boys in their warm up games in Buenos Aires before moving to Santiago.

Coach Les Scheinflug has the makings of a superb defence led by the boy from Launceston, Kurt Reynolds.

Brett Hughes, the goalkeeper who first came to light with defunct Sydney City, has battled to return from injury and has outstanding capabilities.

The midfield will be used to back up the two prong front runners.

Paul Trimboli has outstanding possibilities at the front.



The Australian youth squad at its last training camp in Parklea, Sydney.
Standing (from left to right): Les Scheinflug (coach), Vic Fernandez (asst. coach), Dave Barrett, Alex Cummings, George Kulscar, George Bouhoutsos, Brett Hughes, Peter Gunning, John Markovski, Jason Van Blerk, Alistair Edwards, Craig Moffitt, Nick Ousalkas, Mike Urukalo (gear steward).
Seated (from left to right): Anthony Grbac, Jason Polak, Graham Latham, John Anastasiadis, Lou Hristodoulou, Kurt Reynolds, Abbas Saad, Darren Northam, Paul Trimboli, David Healy, Scott Ollerenshaw, Charlie Jurisic (physio).

YOUNG ROOS — CHILE, HERE WE COME!

THE Young Socceroos set off for Chile via Argentina this afternoon (Wednesday).

This quest for World Youth Cup honours is the fourth time Australia has been involved in the finals, and we all wish them the best possible results.

Of course in this type of competition, only the best of results are meaningful.

Let's look back to 1981. Mark Koussas will recall his penalty miss. We went out narrowly to West Germany in Canberra and they went on to become champions of the world. We weren't far behind the best there is.

In 1983 the team drew with hosts Mexico and defeated European champions Scotland before bowing out to Korea — another great record.

The 1985 team was handicapped by a degree of naivety that cost them

the chance to advance further in Russia.

Overall Australia has established the status of a high quality national youth team which is respected throughout the world.

This time we have so much talent, and a coach

FORMER WORLD CUP COACH, APFA'S RALE RASIC CHALLENGES THE YOUNG SOCCEROOS

in Les Scheinflug who knows what this high class of football is all about.

But everything needs to

be confirmed with the right results.

Look at the players who have come through the Youth team ranks who have gone on to achieve big things in football.

Oscar Crino, Alan Davidson, Eddie Krncevic, Graham Jennings, David Mitchell, Jim Patikas, Peter Raskopoulos and Mark Koussas come to mind, and there are so many others too that have made their mark.

Our 1987 squad has the ability to come home with top honours. They have a quality squad.

Chile is playing at home, just as Mexico was in 1983. They must produce, and they have had months of continuous training to make sure that they do.

We will soon know what Togo and Yugoslavia can do.

Australian teams when properly trained are never short on physical qualities and will to win.

But we must never sit

back and regard these as the only qualities.

Technique and tactical ability are vital ingredients of a successful campaign especially when taking on the rest of the world.

The answer to the challenge will be seen in a few weeks' time.

We all wish the players will and hope that they will come back with the honours.

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY's reports from Santiago will

come from our own correspondent, Santiago Pozo.

Mr Pozo, originally from Chile, leaves Sydney for Santiago on Friday.

YOUNG SOCCEROOS FLASHBACK TO 1979

- ALL THE AUSSIE WORLD YOUTH PLAYERS
- CHECK OUT THE PRESENT DAY STARS

★ 1983

Danny Wright
Steve Glockner
David Lowe
Rod Brown
Frank Farina
Jim Patikas
Russell Stewart
Tom McCulloch
Ralph Maier
Joe Rizzotto
Roy Jones
Tony Dakos
Ray Vlietstra
Fabian Incantalupo
Paul Daley
Tony Franken
Chris Hummel
Renato Licata

★ 1985

Mirko Runje
John Gregson
Aki Kotzamichalis
Andrew Koczka
Mark Jones
John Panagis
Angie Postecoglou
Paul Jones
Warren Spink
Rich. Bassingthwaight
Alex Bundalo
Sean Ingham
Mike McLennan
Peter Petkovski
David Sharpe
Robert Hooker
Chris Kalantzis
Lou Hristodoulou

★ 1987

Brett Hughes
David Healy
George Kulscar
Kurt Reynolds
Darren Northam
John Koch
Lou Hristodoulou
Jason Polak
Paul Trimboli
Abbas Saad
John Anastasiadis
Jason Van Blerk
John Markovski
Anthony Grbac
Alistair Edwards
Craig Moffitt
Alex Cummings
George Bouhoutsos

★ 1979

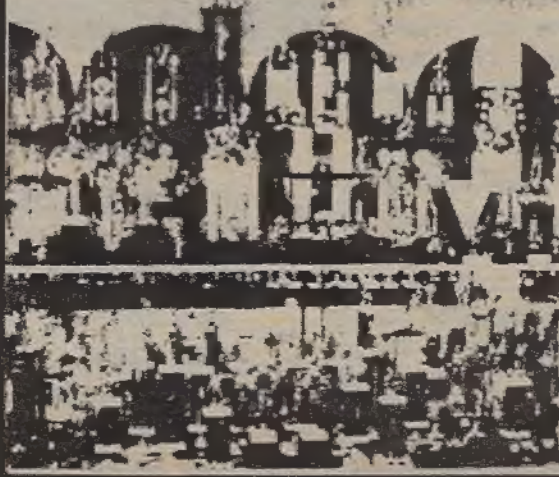
Greg Woodhouse
Danny Moulis
Mike Milovanovic
Theo Selemidis
George Christopoulos
Steven Hogg
Craig Hall
Alan Davidson
Eddie Krncevic
Peter Raskopoulos
Peter Tredinnick
Ian Rowden
Ian Hunter
Graham Jennings
John Spanos
Peter Wilson
Mike Boogaard
Paul Kay

★ 1981

Ian Hunter
Peter Raskopoulos
Howard Tredinnick
Jim Patikas
David Mitchell
Steve Blair
Robbie Wheatley
Glen Ahern
Fabian Incantalupo
Grant Lee
Dennis Colusso
John Little
Mark Koussas
Paul Kay
Brett Woods
David Skeen
Denis Ivanac
Oscar Crino

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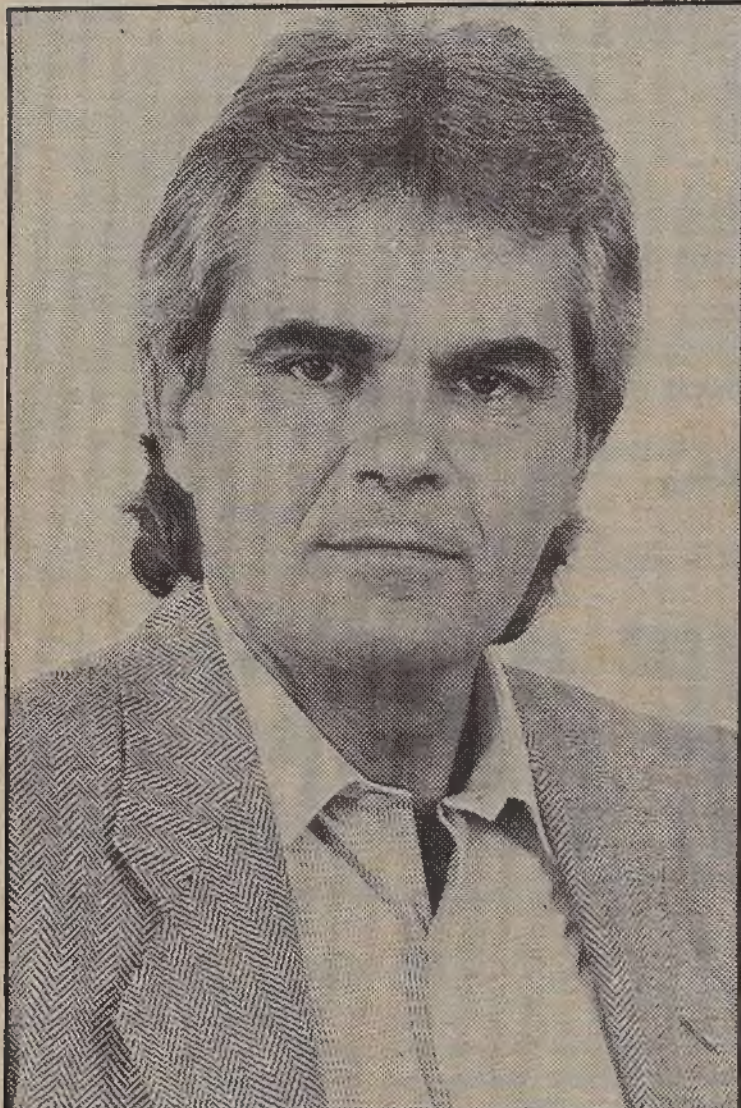
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SBS REVIEWS LAMBERT PARK SAGA

**TOP TELECASTER LES MURRAY
HAS HIS SAY ON LP EPISODE**



THE APIA-South Melbourne match, as you will be aware, marked the first time this season that the SBS match of the day could be taken from Lambert Park, thanks to the hiring of additional facilities funded by Apia-Leichhardt.

The decision, made last week by the SBS management, to take the cameras to Lambert Park was greeted in sections of the Sydney media with what I believe was some inaccurate and imbalanced reporting the like of which was remarkable even by their standards, criticising the SBS with unseemly haste which stunned us all at this station.

The Daily Mirror called it an outrage and an SBS backdown, quoting Apia president Joe Prestia's wish for a government inquiry into the SBS.

The Sydney Sun spoke of some mythical cold war between the SBS and Apia, while the Sunday Telegraph hit deepest below the belt with a claim that some sort of personal disagreement between the SBS and Apia coach Rale Rasic has been the reason why Lambert Park has not been a match of the day venue.

Well in a moment the truth behind how and why Lambert Park suddenly became a match of the day venue, but first why it hasn't been so until yesterday.

At an ideal — or even acceptable — venue match of the day utilises four cameras. Three of

cameras yesterday were placed on the small VIP stand, the roof of which also overlaps the pitch. And again there is not enough room on the ground between stand and pitch for the ground camera. So that camera had to be placed partially inside the coaches dugout.

That camera could not revolve sufficiently to cover all aspects of the ground. So an additional roving camera was needed to ensure that the entire touchline and corner flags were covered and that reverse angle shots of the coaches benches could be taken.

And, in addition, a cherry picker was needed to sufficiently elevate the camera behind goal.

These inescapable technical factors it seems have been unconvincing to some parts of the Sydney press who, all year, have harboured suspicions over the legitimacy of the argument that Lambert Park was technically unacceptable.

To be fair to Apia president Joe Prestia, he never doubted them. So in the middle of last week, with Apia wanting to celebrate its championship and to do the right thing by its sponsors, Prestia asked the SBS if it would consider covering the South Melbourne game as match of the day.

them shoot towards the pitch, away from the sun. Two of the main action cameras are elevated, either high in the stand, on a scaffold or on the roof. One camera is placed on the touchline around the half-way mark for player closeups, cutaway shots of the coaches, substitutes and the crowd.

The fourth camera is high behind one goal, used mainly for replays of goalmouth incidents and occasionally crowd shots.

No Room

At Lambert Park such an arrangement is impossible because of the unusually small and tight nature of the stadium. The main stand on the Marlon Street side overlaps the pitch. The roof cameras would not be able to cover the area nearest the touchline. In addition there is simply no room between the touchline and the spectator fence to place even one camera.

Consequently, the cameras have to be placed on the opposite side and pointed into the sun, highly undesirable for technical reasons. And even then there is very little room in which to put them.

The two elevated

of match of the day could be bought.

In fact none of the \$3000, or the \$2,000 or so it became after a compromise was reached, would go to the SBS. All of it will go to the facilities houses from whom the extra equipment was hired.

But most disturbing were the innuendoes in the press that somehow the SBS had treated Apia badly all season.

In fact, apart from our inability to use Lambert Park for match of the day, Apia has been treated especially well. On this program Apia's been featured more often than any other team — 21 of their 22 matches were covered. In fact we've heard grumbling viewers refer to this program as the Apia show.

Same applies to On The

“The SBS spends \$500,000 a year on National League alone.”

Ball where, only last Saturday, Andy Paschalidis and I spent the half hour dressed in Apia gear.

Venue

It was in fact us who anticipated as far back



LES MURRAY (right) with SBS companion - ANDREW PASCHALIDIS.

Prestia offered to subsidise some of the costs of setting up the extra facilities Lambert Park needed.

Fairness

The SBS, which was already preparing to cover the game between Marconi and Preston, decided to consider the change out of an act of decency and fairness to the champion club.

That act of decency was to become the SBS's whipping post for the next three days.

The SBS responded to the request, by saying that if the match was to be covered to an ideal standard, the extra facilities would cost an estimated \$3000 to hire.

Joe Prestia was not impressed and made his angry remark, available to the press — although not to the SBS.

The press then took hold of it and ran with it — turning the \$3000 into some sort of bounty, perhaps I believe as a bribe by which the venue

as two months ago that the match might be chosen as match of the day.

We asked then that Apia move the game to another venue. They could not, refusing even an offer by Marconi to have the match as part of a double header at Bossley Park.

If indeed there was any truth to the myth that there are personal differences between Rale Rasic and ourselves, surely Apia would not have got such special or indeed fair treatment.

We might remember that Lambert Park is not the only venue from which match of the day hasn't been televised. The Connor Reserve, Schintler Reserve, Chaplin Reserve and the excellent Middle Park have not had match of the day cameras. Yet we have heard not a whisper of complaints from any of those clubs nor any innuendoes in the press about discrimination.

The SBS spends half a million dollars a year on the national league alone.



APIA president Joe Prestia (left) pictured with Italian great FRANCESCO GRAZIANI (centre) and club official ALBERT SALERNO.

We are tempted to ask what are the budget figures of the newspapers I've mentioned when it comes to soccer coverage.

And where indeed is their sense of service to this game?

fighting and petty squabbling, we thought it nice if at least we in the media didn't fight among ourselves.

Well done gentlemen of the press. In what we believe is a cheap quest of a large headline or a juicy quote you've revealed another reason why soccer finds it so hard to get ahead.

Soccer's critics on the outside must be laughing indeed.

In amongst all this, by the way, is buried the news that Apia is almost certain now to permanently move house next season — in order to enhance television coverage.

We wish them well. They are a progressive club who more than deserve their championship.



In the seven years this network has covered soccer, the SBS commentators have not uttered one word of criticism of the soccer press.

That's not because we think they're so wonderful. It is because, in soccer's distasteful mire of faction

APIA-HELLAS SIDELIGHTS

LOOKING back to the South Melbourne game, it pleased me — and no doubt our APIA players — to deliver the type of football we can excel in.

We had already proved we are a team that can pick up points, and that was our chance to really deliver.

I am sure that Eddie (as in Thomson) thinks we can only do the job because of the way we handle the 'bombs'!

However this time we produced real mobility, and superb running off the ball. I only hope we can continue it.

Unfortunately championship football doesn't present the chances to do it often enough.

— RALE RASIC

COACHING OFFER

I AM an English FA soccer coach with a great deal of success and experience, both in England and abroad. I have recently returned from two years coaching in Ghana, West Africa.

I am now seeking a coaching position abroad again. It is for this reason, I write to you in the hope that you may know of an association or club that requires an experienced soccer coach. I would be very happy to hear from them.

I enclose a brief resume of my playing and coaching experiences.

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COACHING AND MANAGERIAL EXPERIENCE:

Coach to London Federation of Youth Clubs, manager-coach to Bedford Town FC (Sthn Lge Prem Div) winning league second season. Coach to Leyton Orient FC (English Lge Div 3&2). Coach to Charlton Athletic, (English Lge Div 2). Coach to Derby County FC (English Lge Div 1) winning English First Division in second year.

Then accepted post as National Youth coach to Kuwait FA for three years during which time they were undefeated. Then accepted post of Manager Coach of Tadhamon Sporting Club of Kuwait for four years and the post of Assistant National Coach to the senior Kuwait team.

Tadhamon Sporting club enjoyed a great deal of success in league and cup competitions, the Kuwait National team won the Asian Cup, Gulf Cup twice and qualified for the World Cup finals in Spain.

I returned to England due to death of parents. I have recently returned from a two years contract with "Asante Kotoko FC", of Ghana. We won the FA Cup and League twice, they are the biggest club in Africa with crowds of 60,000-80,000, they have won the African Cup twice. I do have considerable football managerial experience.

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GRAHAM HEYS ALWAYS ENJOYS HIS GAME

MELBOURNE'S GREG BLAKE
ABSORBS THE 'HEYS' WAY

FROM the moment he walked on the International Sports Centre pitch to play for Newcastle KB United nearly a decade ago Graham Heys was destined to be noticed.

It wasn't just the way he looked — although the flying winger was hardly inconspicuous with a pint-sized frame and a curly mop of red hair.

Rather it was the way little 'Heysie' played.

It was clear from the outset that Heys was born an entertainer. It was he as much as anyone who thrilled the Newcastle crowds back in the club's halcyon NSL days.

The dashing, darting, impish flame-haired speedster delighted the thousands who packed the Sports Centre as the NSL newcomers took the new league by storm.

Nine years on and Heys is still in the thick of the action some three clubs and many games later.

The curly mop has gone, as has some of the cheek he gave many a defender.

But he remains a regular first choice for his latest club Melbourne Croatia, and his efforts this season have been very much a part of the rise of Peter Ollerton's previously troubled outfit.

He'll still treat the crowd to some fun when the situation dictates and, by his own admission, he still loves a joke.

He has been both the perpetrator and the butt of many 'jokes' with team mates over the years.

That's Heys' way, and a reason why the man deserves a few more accolades than he's received down the years.

Characters

The game needs characters and Heys certainly is one despite the on and off field knocks over the years.

He's had a few, the most recent on the eve of the current season when he was 'sacked' by Preston Makedonia.

Connor Reserve.

"At the time it was a case of nowhere to go because there was definitely going to be no compromise between myself and Preston," he explained.

"I was really out on a limb and I was just grateful to Terry Hennessey at the time and Peter (Ollerton), who's now the coach, who thought I could do a job of sorts for Melbourne Croatia.

"It's given me the chance to keep playing in the National League.

"There's only one way to go from the league when you're getting on in years as far as soccer is concerned.

"I was very disappointed at what happened

you more or less form a friendship over the years."

It was Vest who first took charge of the sometimes erratic but certainly explosive talents of Heys in those heady days at Newcastle.

The then 24-year-old Heys had just reached these shores as the Newcastle wave was ready to swamp the NSL. He remembers those early days fondly.

"It was absolutely fantastic," Heys says.

"I'd come from non-league football in Britain where crowds of 2,000 were tops and if you played for the team I played for (Macclesfield Town) you were lucky to get 500 people.

"They were the poor relations to Altrincham, the next team I played with before coming here.

alski, Peter Tredinnick, Graham Jennings and David Lowe — all Newcastle locals, and there are so many more.

"The city has a great reputation in soccer but now finds itself out in the cold with very little chance at the moment of getting back in."

Vest left Newcastle to take up the reins at West Adelaide Hellas toward the end of 1981 and, although Heys didn't know it at the time, that was also the beginning of the end of him in Northern NSW.

"Alan had left after years of comparative success and Ken Kaiser had taken over as coach for 1982," Heys explained.

"There had been a bit of an upheaval at Newcastle and Alan had been replaced by Ray Baartz towards the end of 1981.

"At the end of that season Ray said he'd no intentions of taking on the job in '82 and assistant Ken Kaiser took over.

"The club was owing me a little bit of money and really I just didn't settle in under Ken."

Invitation

Heys' former mentor Vest contacted the pacy winger and asked him whether he fancied taking a chance in Adelaide, but with Doug Collins' Sydney Olympic also on his trail Heys was unsure of his next move.

Although keen to go to Sydney, Collins procrastinated in offering Heys terms and he was off to the city of churches.

"I couldn't wait forever even though I fancied moving to Sydney because the season was only ten days away," Heys told me.

"In the end I drove over to Adelaide without even being signed.

"Alan had just told me to leave and he'd arrange to get the transfer money while I was on my way.

"I arrived at the West Adelaide's secretary's house and he didn't even know I was coming. In the end it was the supporters of West Adelaide who put in to get the money to buy me."

Preston Makedonia, then under Ollerton, had been another club keen to secure the signature of Heys from Newcastle.

In the end Preston had a wait a couple of more years before they actually snared the pint-sized live-wire for the 1984 campaign.

Moving

Heys again takes up the story as he explains the move to Melbourne.

"I'd had two good years in Adelaide and at the end of 1983 Peter Ollerton rang me up and asked if I was interested in coming over.

"Again Alan Vest had left — this time West Adelaide — and there was no real hope of following Alan.

"West Adelaide had appointed a Greek boy and what the with language problems etc. it just transpired that we didn't get on.

"We even needed an interpreter to discuss contracts and in the end this turned out to the real problem.

"They'd offered me good money while Alan was there, but for the third season what they offered me was unbelievable — it was just nothing.

"I rang Peter back and said if you can buy me at the right price you've got me."

In 1983 Preston had just missed the league title with their long-time leadership being over-hauled in the final few weeks of the season.

In '84 in came Heys, Dunn, Dobson and Cole to try and reverse that result.

The results didn't come as expected but, as Heys



GRAHAM HEYS — enjoying his football

says, "the team certainly didn't disgrace itself".

The 1985 season bought further disappointment as Makedonia went within ten minutes of winning both the Southern Division Grand Final and the NSL Cup, going down 2-1 in both after leading into the closing stages.

Losing Streak

"If you can call being a Cinderella three times over — Preston also lost the local Dockerty Cup final — I suppose we had a very successful year", Heys says ruefully.

"But losing three finals was no fun at all.

"Being there when we weren't expected to do it, and then the following year being expected to do better and not doing it — that was a big disappointment.

"There was great fighting spirit at Preston and that is the contrast with Melbourne Croatia as they are now.

"We would win games there with sheer persistence, whereas with Croatia we've got a team with in-

ternationals and plenty of others with so much skill and experience."

The irrepressible Heys maintains he's still as keen as ever and intends staying on in the NSL for as long as possible.

It's hard not to get the impression that he is re-velling in the current degree of success at Croatia and still aiming for a super finals series with his newest club.

And the bouncy, breezy Heys charm still shines through.

Has Graham Heys changed in the last ten years?

"Yes, I've had a haircut," he laughs.

"I guess I have changed a bit with age though.

"It has bought maturity and patience and you don't tend to fly off the handle so quickly.

"But my character will still always be there. If the opportunity arises to give the crowd a giggle then I'll try to give it to them.

"You've got to try to enjoy the game because if you don't you might as well give it away."

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to enjoy the game

at Preston inasmuch as I had expected things to continue on pretty well as normal from last season.

"We'd done reasonably well, we had a good squad of players and I thought that with the additions of a couple of players to that squad we'd have become a very useful outfit."

Familiar

Heys didn't move to completely unfamiliar ground when he joined Melbourne Croatia.

He'd been coached by big 'Ollie' at Preston and had played alongside lanky Socceroo Robbie Dunn at Connor Reserve.

More recently a fourth face has joined the Preston old boys club with Ian Dobson's mid-season transfer to Melbourne Croatia.

"I remember playing in a place called Flitwood — its notorious.

"It's bloody miserable — you play there in mid-week, it's raining like hell, the wind is blowing a gale off the Irish Sea and there's two people and a dog there.

"And the dog had to pay to get in.

"So it was absolutely remarkable to come to a city where, at the time, the team was almost an obsession with them.

"They were absolutely transfixed by soccer and plenty of credit must go to the people in Newcastle who were involved in promoting the game at the time.

"One person in particular, who unfortunately has nothing to do with Australian Soccer any more, who



Heys (first on right, kneeling) pictured with the Preston Makedonia team that took on Yugoslav champions VARDAR SKOPJE earlier this year.

"Just say I'm much-travelled," he laughed as he spoke to me recently. "That's the phrase they usually use."

Heys' new lease of life at Melbourne Croatia only came after that club threw him a lifeline following the controversial dismissals of he and Gary Cole from

"I played under Peter at Preston and I've known him for a number of years. It's always good to play alongside people you know", Heys says of his new club.

"It's good to play for people you know as well.

"I played under Alan Vest for five years and a

was the top man in my opinion was Paul Trisley.

"Newcastle's demise has saddened me because the area itself has produced some of the best players that Australia has seen.

"Look at the likes of Craig Johnston, Joe Senk-

MANFRED'S TELEGRAM

FROM RALE RASIC

WHEN the 1987 championship was first sheeted home to APIA there came a pleasant surprise.

The first congratulatory telegram we received was from none other than Manfred Schaefer.

I'd like to thank Manfred for his kind gesture. And at the same time it gives me the chance to have a word in favour of my former 'pupil'.

Plenty of people will recall his days as the 'Big Bomber' of the National team.

Manfred was so physical as a player that that is the only way that so many people remember him.

He wasn't given enough credit for his own type of skill as a player. You would never see him sent off the field in spite of his toughness — just as Nobby Styles stayed on.

His period as coach of Sydney Olympic saw them win more honours than at any time in their history.

I hope to see him back again at the helm of one of the major clubs. He certainly deserves to be.

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VINCENTE ESTAVILLO... Imagine our national league with 30 players with his ability in it, says Mike Johnson.

WITHOUT a serious play-off series I believe the National League is now dead.

APIA-Leichhardt has been confirmed as worthy champions, so as far as I am concerned that is that.

I agree with Melbourne writer, Greg Blake, the top four, or five series enhances the season.

In Europe and South America there are all manner of cup competitions to colour the season of domestic Soccer.

We do not have these. We need the top of table series.

I remember coming to this country in 1963 to play for South Coast United, the representative team of the Illawarra region which played in the NSW State League.

We played APIA in the grand final at the Sydney Sports Ground.

There were 30,000 inside the ground and five thousand locked out because the ground was full up.

It was the equivalent of Wembley for Australian Soccer.

Necessary

I want to dwell on the development of skilful Soccer in this last article by me for the season as mentioned last week.

Young Australian goalkeeper sees...

MIKE JOHNSON ON FINALS PLUS TOP PLAYER SKILL

videotape of the 1982 World Cup in Spain.

The thing that struck me was the absence of the physical aggression that dominates our Soccer.

The higher the level you go in Soccer the stronger, faster, braver and generally more physically endowed are the players.

That is one of the reasons they are at the top level.

They have the capability to produce more physical mayhem than even we experience in Australia.

Top players tackle harder than those at a lower level.

The restriction on them, however, is the level of skill against which they play at the top level.

Brilliance

In the 1982 World Cup the skill was brilliant, individually and as a team.

Teams were picked to use this skill, not predominately to stop other players and other teams from playing.

There were great defenders on view, but their greatness did not come from their ability to kick players off the park.

They could play football. Many could play just as well as midfielders and strikers.

I imagine they took pride in this ability along with the ability to defend well.

How can our players obtain such ability?

One way is by copying the play of great and skilful players.

If there were sufficient highly skilled players in our national league their effect would change the trend of skills and style in our games, away from physical dominance toward a game relying more on creativity and intelligence.

It is hard enough to form one "super" league in this country, let alone three or four.

Money just has to be found to support a truly national league.

Money can be found. It is there.

Money can bring in top stars on a permanent basis, such as Vicente Estavillo.

Imagine our national league with say 30 players in it with the great ability of Estavillo, players whose whole game is based on skill and intelligence.

Recently I watched a

coaching organisation.

I learned about width, depth and penetration in attack; pressure, cover and balance in defence.

I learned to organise a back four in defence, how to open it out when in possession of the ball; how to bring about early support for front players, how to create space for an attacking full back, how to restrict space by a defender, how to set up a "wall", how to take advantage of set plays.

I gained so much knowledge of the game of Soccer.

It did not significantly help me to turn with the ball better, head it better, dribble with it better, receive it better, curl the ball better, or generally greatly improve my individual technical skill.

That is not the emphasis in the British coaching system, or that which, to date, has applied here.



Understanding and knowledge of the principles of play are the main emphasis within the British coaching system.

Personal Skill

Here in Australia we have a basic skills course for learner coaches, but very few of the senior coaches would ever go through that course.

The great need in Australia is to produce a higher level of individual skill.

I went to Germany, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and

MIKE JOHNSON is a former English professional Soccer player. He played as full time professional with Doncaster Rovers, Brighton, Fulham and Newcastle United. He is an English Football Association coach. In Australia he has coached top teams — Sutherland, St George BSC, West Adelaide, APIA, Wollongong United (now Wollongong Macedonia) and Fairy Meadow in the NSW State League. His television series *The Basic Skills of Soccer* was shown for the first time in 1980 on ABC, concurrently with another television series of his, *Fitness for Sport*. His book *Fitness for Sport* won a quick acceptance among schools and junior clubs throughout Australia. He has had outstanding success coaching young players, many of whom have gone on to represent Australia at Soccer. He says that everyone of these players, despite their eventual success, was deficient in basic skills because of inadequate coaching in their early years, and that all of them would have been better players if they had developed good basic grounding of skill when they were young.

scoured books on South American techniques as I sought knowledge on technical skills.

Nowadays, having coached young players in early morning sessions for many years I have developed skills which I taught and use them in games I play on Saturday afternoons in the NSW Churches Football Association.

Masterly individual skill can be taught to youngsters and mastered by them so long as they will put in some time on their own.

my youngest son Damian, as I taught him some of the skills of batsmanship in cricket.

It is great to have skill. It is marvellous to watch the application of real skill displayed by in the numerous great players playing Soccer for their countries today.

It is great to watch Estavillo.

Let us bring in many more like him.

And let us develop in our young players the skills that will allow them to really play when they are older.

PROPER GRAND FINALS — OR NONE

EXPERIENCED ASW COLUMNIST FRANK SCICLUNA'S VIEWS

THE titanic battle being waged between half the National League clubs for a top five position will be finally decided in less than a fortnight.

A very simple, maybe even naive, question that has to be asked is what exactly are these clubs fighting for? The title has been deservedly won by APIA in a most emphatic manner — what else is there — that worthy of winning?

A grand final triumph can surely be no more than a hollow victory unless of course APIA reinforces its superiority by carrying out the double, anything else will be absolutely meaningless.

Unlike the last three years when the play-offs between the winners of the Northern and Southern divisions decided the national league championship, this season's semi-finals are merely an exercise in fund raising — and even that is beginning to appear to be a highly questionable venture.

Whichever clubs are successful in qualifying

from Melbourne have already shown throughout the year that their supporters are not interested in finishing second best.

It's only a couple of years ago that a South Melbourne vs Heidelberg derby at Middle Park attracted an attendance of over 10,000 yet the same two clubs only drew 1500 people recently in a match that was vital for South Melbourne's semi-final chances and Heidelberg's survival in the league.

Sydney unquestionably relies almost exclusively on Olympic and Croatia for large support, but both these clubs face the real likelihood of finishing outside the five.

Should that turn out to be the case, the playoffs are certain to become a financial disaster for the NSL.

Marconi may be the only other club that could save the series from degenerating into total embarrassment by possibly produc-

ing an all Italian grand final, but it's chances of even qualifying are by no means certain.

The National League must no longer continue to hedge its bets on the method of deciding the championship, it has to either accept the Australian system of a finals series to provide the winner or stick solely to the internationally traditional first past the post procedure.

Good, logical arguments can be put forward in support of either method but to try and win both ways is clearly difficult for fans to digest.

APIA succeeded in turning this year's competition into a one horse race and without an incentive to make the five most opponents would have lost interest half way through the league.

Should the champions fail to add the grand final to its title however, would it really matter?

St George won the last first past the post, non-regionalised league title in

a nail biting finish from Sydney City in 1983 and a top five series was not held.

The Slickers ran away with the competition by a massive nine points the previous year but was then beaten in the grand final.

How many fans can remember that 3-1 defeat at the hands of the Sains in an utterly forgettable game played at Penrith Park and who really cares?

Sydney City were the national champions and that should have been the end of it.

Until such time as the league sees fit to follow both rugby codes and Australian rules in deciding the championship in that manner, the totally meaningless top five playoffs should be scrapped.

If a money spinner is deemed to be absolutely necessary, the NSL Cup can easily be converted into a prestigious end of season tournament culminating in a high profile and well promoted conclusion to the year.

SOCCER THE ANFIELD WAY

BY ALAN VEST, NSW COACH — BACK FROM LIVERPOOL

I'VE just got back from the United Kingdom and one of the enlightening visits was to Liverpool Football clubs.

Believe me there's no wonder they are one of the best club sides in the world.

The main purpose was to have a look at training and take a young goalkeeper from Australia for a few days training.

Just walking into Anfield causes excitement, but for all their success there's no

pretention.

Everyone is friendly and it appears the club works like clockwork.

We were straight into the club offices and down to details.

Mark Bosnic, the young goalkeeper, was welcomed, told what was expected of him, then directed off to the changing room for all his training gear, before departing on the bus along with all the big stars to Melwood, the Liverpool training ground.

One thing that strikes you about Melwood with

its three training pitches and one all weather pitch is the brilliant state of the grounds. With hardly a blade of grass out of place they really are immaculate.

The first team were

Liverpool's Australian CRAIG JOHNSTON in action.

playing in the 1st division the day after, but there was no sign of taking it easy.

The 16 man first team squad went through 1½



hrs of training which included 8-sided games in small areas, and even though it had a game the next day there was no quarters given and none asked, with competition as fierce as in a league game.

Several times the "gaffer" as the players call him (Kenny Dalglish) was sent sprawling.

Spirit

No doubt why there's a great team with the quality of play, but also with their obvious team spirit.

Craig Johnston was involved although just com-

ing back after a groin injury after playing well in the opening games.

What a squad though after the team was picked for the next day's game. The ones left out were Craig through injury, Mark Lawrenson, Paul Walsh, John Wark and Nigel Spackman — all \$1,000,000 players and of course Dalglish.

Add to those Jan Molby, Kevin McDonald and Beglin who have longer term injuries, gives an example of Liverpool's depth and battle for places.

In fact they could probably play two teams that

would finish in the top half of the 1st division.

Our young goalkeeper proved what we already know though, and that's that we have a lot of talented kids here.

He trained like a veteran and impressed all the staff with his attitude and ability.

On his last day there he trained with the first team players not in the team, and again excelled.

So much so that they wanted him to stay and will be looking for him to go back.

It great experience for him and as well there is the prospect of a contract.

RESULTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

Arsenal 1 West Ham 0, Derby 0
Oxford 1, Everton 1, Coventry 2,
Manchester United 1, Tottenham
0, Newcastle 2, Southampton 1,
Norwich 0, Nottingham Forest 2,
Preston 2, Wimbledon 1,
Queens Park Rangers 2, Luton 0,
Sheffield Wednesday 2, Charlton
0, Watford 0 Chelsea 3.

DIVISION TWO

Aston Villa 1 Sheffield United 1,
Blackburn 0, Middlesbrough 2,
Bournemouth 2, Leicester 3, Crystal
Palace 1, Ipswich 2, Leeds 2,
Manchester City 0, Millwall 2,
West Bromwich 0, Oldham 1, Barnsley
0, Plymouth 1, Birmingham 1,
Shrewsbury 2, Bradford 2,
Stoke 1, Huddersfield 1, Swindon
4 Reading 0.

DIVISION THREE

Aldershot 4 Brentford 1, Blackpool
3 Preston 0, Bristol City 3,
Gillingham 0, Chesterfield 2,
Notts County 0, Fulham 3, Bristol
Rovers 1, Grimsby 0, Walsall 2,
Northampton 1, Port Vale 0,
Rotherham 2, Mansfield 1,
Southend 2, Brighton 1, Sunderland
0, Chester 2, Wigan 0, Bury 2,
York 1, Doncaster 1.

DIVISION FOUR

Bolton 1 Hartlepool 2, Cambridge
2, Halifax 4, Carlisle 4, Scarborough
0, Darlington 1, Scunthorpe
0, Leyton Orient 2, Peterborough
0, Rochdale 2, Burnley 1, Swansea
2, Crewe 4, Wolverhampton 1,
Torquay 2, Wrexham 2, Stockport
1, Colchester 0, Exeter 2, Tranmere
0, Cardiff 1.

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

Dundee United 3 Falkirk 0, Dunfermline
0 Hearts 1, Hibernian 0,
Aberdeen 2, Motherwell 0, Dundee
2, Rangers 7, Morton 0, St
Mirren 0 Celtic 1.

DIVISION ONE

Dumbarton 2 Queen of the South
2, Hamilton 0, East Fife 1, Kilmarnock
2, Clyde 0, Meadowbank 0,
Clydebank 0, Partick 1, Forfar 1,
Raith 3, Airdrieonians 2.

DIVISION TWO

Albion 1, Alloa 0, Arbroath 3,
Berwick 1, Ayr 4, Queen's Park 1,
East Stirling 0, St Johnstone 2,
Montrose 1, Stenhousemuir 0,
Stirling 2, Cowdenbeath 0, Stranraer
1, Brechin 1.

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11	4	14	7	7	7
12	3	15	6	6	6
13	2	16	5	5	5
14	1	17	4	4	4
15	0	18	3	3	3
16	0	19	2	2	2
17	0	20	1	1	1
18	0	21	0	0	0

LEADING ENGLISH GOAL-SCORERS

Division One: 7. Steve Nicol (Liverpool), Gordon Durie (Chelsea), 6. John Aldridge (Liverpool), Gary Bannister (Queens Park Rangers), Alan Smith (Arsenal), Lee Chapman (Sheffield Wednesday), Brian McClair (Manchester United), Andy Jones (Charlton), 6. for Port Vale, Division Two: 11. Jimmy Quinn (Swindon), 9. Mark Bright (Crystal Palace), 7. Ron Futcher (Bradford), Tommy Tynan (Plymouth), 6. Duncan Shearer (Huddersfield), Ian Wright (Crystal Palace), Division Three: 8. Tommy Cunningham (Blackpool), Stuart Rimmer (Chester), Lee Rosenior (Fulham), Division four: 11. Steve Bull (Wolverhampton).

IRELAND, Premier Division

Bohemians 1 Shamrock Rovers 4, Derry City 2, Limerick City 0, Bray Wanderers 0, Shelbourne 0, Dundalk 2, Sligo Rovers 1, St. Pat's Athletic 3, Waterford United 1, Galway United 1.

SPAIN: Real Mallorca 4 Logro-

nes 0, Sabadell 0, Celta 0, Atletico Madrid 1, Real Betis 0, Valencia 2, Real Murcia 0, Sevilla 1, Real Valladolid 0, Osasuna 0, Sporting 0, Gijón 0, Real Zaragoza 2, Athletic Bilbao 1, Barcelona 0, Espanol 0, Real Sociedad 4, Las Palmas 0, Real Madrid 2.

STANDINGS

W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	14	4	22	18	17
2	13	5	19	17	16
3	12	6	16	16	15
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5	10	8	13	13	13
6	9	9	12	12	12
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10	5	13	8	8	8
11	4	14	7	7	7
12	3	15	6	6	6
13	2	16	5	5	5
14	1	17	4	4	4
15	0	18	3	3	3
16	0	19	2	2	2
17	0	20	1	1	1
18	0	21	0	0	0

ITALY: Ascoli 3 Torino 0, Avel-

lino 2 Roma 3, Cesena 0, Milan 0, Fiorentina 1, Como 1, Internazionale 2, Empoli 0, Juventus 3, Pescara 1, Pisa 1, Napoli 0, Sampdoria 3, Verona 1.

ROMA: Fiorentina 1, Lazio 0, Inter-

na 2, Juventus 1, Sampdoria 0, Pescara 0, Internaz 0, Ascoli 1, Verona 1, Milan 1, Torino 1, Pisa 1, Avelino 1, Como 1, Cesena 0, Empoli 0.

(Empoli started the season with

5-point penalty after a match-rigging scandal last year).

PORTUGAL: Maritimo 1 Beie-

neses 0. Leading standings: Porto 8 points, Setubal 8, Maritimo 8, Penafiel 7, Sporting 7.

POLAND: Pogoń Szczecin 2

GKS Katowice 1, Olimpia Poznań 2, Legia Warszawa 2, Baltyk Gdynia 0, Lech Poznań 1, Górnik Zabrze 3, Szombierki Bytom 1, LKS Łódź 0, Jagiellonia Białystok 0, Stal Stalowa Wola 0, Śląsk Wrocław 0, Zagłębie Lubin 1, Widzew Łódź 0, Górnik Wałbrzych 0, Lechia Gdansk 0.

Leading positions: LKS Łódź 15

points, Górnik Zabrze 14, Śląsk Wrocław 13, Widzew Łódź 12, Lech Poznań 12.

NETHERLANDS: AZ 67 5 Gron-

ingen 1, Utrecht 0, Volendam 0, PSV Eindhoven 3, Feyenoord Rotterdam 1, DS'79 1, Willem II 2, Sparta 0, PEC Zwolle 0, Roda JC Kerkrade 4, Haarlem 1, Ajax Amsterdam 4, Den Bosch 0, Den Haag 3, Fortuna Sittard 1, Twente 1, VVV Venlo 1.

Leading positions: PSV Eindh-

oven 16 points, Ajax Amsterdam 12, Feyenoord Rotterdam 12, Sparta 11.

BELGIUM: Beerschot 6 Stand-

ard Liege 2, Waregem 3, Cercle Brugge 0, Winterslag 0, Anderlecht 3, Ghent 2, Beveren 0, Charleroi 1, St. Truiden 1, Lokeren 0, Mechelen 1, Club Brugge 3, Racing Jet 1, FC Liege 2, Kortrijk 0, Molenaars 1, Antwerp 1.

Leading positions: Mechelen 13

points, Anderlecht 13, Club Brugge 12, Antwerp 12, Waregem 11.

SWITZERLAND: Basle 0 Aarau 1

Lucerne 1, Neuchâtel Xamax 0, St. Gallen 0, Grasshoppers Zurich 0, Young Boys Berne 2, Sion 1, FC Zurich 0, Lausanne 0, Servette Geneva 3, Bellinzona 1.

Leading positions: Aarau 17

points, Grasshoppers 17, Young Boys 15, Geneva Servette 14, Neuchâtel Xamax 13, St. Gallen 13, Lausanne 12.

YUGOSLAVIA: Vardar Skopje 3

Buducnost Titograd 0, Zeljeznica Sarajevo 0, Velez Mostar 0, Rad Beograd 1, Sloboda Tuzla 1, Sutjeska Niksic 1, Partizan Belgrade 1, Pristina 1, Radnicki Nis 0, Osijek 1, Rijeka 0, Red Star Belgrade 3, Sarajevo 0, Celik Zenica 1, Vojvodina Novi Sad 1, Hajduk Split 0, Dinamo Zagreb 3.

Leading positions: Dinamo 13

points, Red Star 10, Rijeka 10, Rad 10, Velez 10.

BULGARIA: Sliven 3 Cher-

nomorets 0, Vitosha 2, Beroe 2, Lokomotiv Plovdiv 2, Pirin 1, Etar 1, Slavia 1, Minyor 3, Lokomotiv Gorna Oryahovitsa 1, Vratsa 1, Trakia 2, Spartak Varna 4, Spartak Pleven 1, Lokomotiv Sofia 2, Sredets 2.

Leading positions: Slavia 12

points, Sredets 11, Lokomotiv Sofia 11.

HOT TIME FOR SAINTS

By JOHN ECONOMOS

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST, thanks to a 68th minute penalty by man of the match, Mike O'Shea, stole both NSL points against a superior visiting Footscray at the St George Stadium.

In searing, energy-sapping heat, Footscray desperately seeking points to break into the Top Five, dominated the first half to have St George struggling.

Saints' giant defender, Steve O'Connor, completely exhausted and with lips cracking from the bone-dry heat, reflected after the match: "It was so hot out there that it prevented many of us making runs into space."

"Overall, though, we had more chances than them and we looked better. Footscray I must admit are a far better side

than they were in Round 1."

Drago Sekularac however was rather bitter and visibly distraught about four dubious off-side calls against his lads plus the penalty awarded by referee, Jim Rossis.

Sekularac said: "It wasn't a penalty. We pressured them all first half but didn't capitalise on chances. I had to take off Oscar Crino in the second half because of his torn muscle injury and he hadn't trained all week."

Meanwhile St George's assistant coach and for-

mer Australian World Cup star, Atti Abonyi, was elated, commenting:

"Let's be honest, Footscray did enough to deserve a draw as they played far better than us."

Saints should have hit the lead in the 34th minute through left striker, Graeme Fletcher, but his angled six metre shot from the left was well saved by Footscray's in-form goalkeeper, Zoran Nikitovic, who had a top match.

Just 12 minutes after "drinks" Footscray's midfielder, Vlado Bozinovski came close to scoring when he cut deep into the St George box but his blast from eight metres out was blocked by World Youth Championship midfielder Craig Moffitt.

Further shots from Pedro Ricoy, Scott Ollerenshaw and Fletcher were either off target or well saved by Nikitovic.

The 68th minute saw Saints win a penalty as Ricoy was brought down by defender Tyrone James, despite the fact that the ball was running away from Ricoy's control. Michael O'Shea slammed his right foot blast high just wide of Nikitovic's outstretched left glove.

Ollerenshaw found it very hard to shake off his marker, Gary Van Egmond as did Fletcher against Tom Karic.

Frank Arok, Saints' boss, was relieved after the match, evaluating: "They used the ball much better than us and they were able to retain possession which we failed to do."

"But then again we had four nice opportunities which we wasted completely."

Stars for Saints were right back David Green, O'Shea and Moffitt whilst Footscray's best were Nikitovic, left-back Van Egmond and Kenny Murphy.

ST GEORGE: Gibson: Green, O'Shea, O'Connor: Ricoy, Moffitt, Pottler: Ollerenshaw, Koczka, Hagan (Pelkovski 67th), Fletcher (Grbovski 61st).

FOOTSCRAY: Nikitovic: Karic, James, Deankovic, Van Egmond: Tapel, Crino (Campbell 70th), Bozinovski, Murphy: Dimitrijevic (Burlek 80th), Spinka.

Referee: J. Rossis. Yellow Cards: Moffitt, Dimitrijevic, O'Connor. Crowd: 2,332.

SEMI-FINAL RUNDOWN

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS's final games were accidentally missed from the list contained in last week's issue (page 7). Remaining games are: Oct 4 v Footscray (a) Oct 11 v Preston (a)



PEDRO RICOY, St George's dynamo.

Olympic not finished just yet

By JOHN ECONOMOS

"SYDNEY Olympic is not finished yet as far as making the top five series," said the club's coach, Eddie Thomson last night, despite last Sunday's shock away loss to bottom placed Sunshine.

The big Sydney crowd pullers went down 2-1 to Sunshine after hitting the lead through John Kosmina.

"Sunshine were awarded two penalties, both of which were in no way warranted and adding injury Terry Patalis, Tony Dakos and George Haniotis all missed sitters," Thomson

said.

This Sunday Sydney Olympic must beat visiting Preston at the St. George Stadium and they look again like being without their tough centre-back, David Ratcliffe.

Ratcliffe was a very late withdrawal last Sunday, pulling out with a back injury that has failed to clear up.

Olympic will also be without their other centre-back, Mike Coady, who now looks like missing the rest of the season with an ankle injury suffered against Apia three weeks ago.

As if these casualties were not enough to worry Thomson, he will also be without striker Abbas Saad, who leaves today with the Australian Youth team for Chile for the World Championships.

Thompson said: "Preston will not be out to do us any favours and they will give us a tough match now that they are sitting nicely in second spot."

ALL IS NOT WELL AT SOUTH MELBOURNE

By GREG BLAKE

IF anyone doubted that there is trouble in the ranks at South Melbourne all the doubts must have been dispelled last Sunday as Melbourne's former glamour team crashed 2-0 at home to Marconi.

It was one of the worst performances from a South Melbourne team for many years.

Down in confidence after a 4-0 thrashing at Apia last week the former high strapping aristocrats of Middle Park couldn't get out of first gear against Marconi and had conceded two goals inside 21 minutes.

The Sydneysiders hit the lead on the quarter hour when Craig Mason volleyed home a super effort from all of 25 metres which caught the Hellas defence unawares.

Frank Farina made it 2-0 six minutes later as he took advantage of a disastrous mix up between Gary McDowall and Angie Postecoglou and the elusive Marconi speedster scored one of the easiest goals of his career.

The glaring mistake which led to goal number two was indicative of South Melbourne's day of disaster as they seemed hellbent on handing over the match points.

The players argued amongst themselves, coach Brian Garvey couldn't find the winning option and the crowd bashed at the press box doors and derisively cheered its own team and coach.

Only Paul Wade could genuinely hold his head high after a superhuman effort to try and keep Hellas in the game.

But it was never going to be enough against a Marconi team seemingly super charged with the return of veteran Tony Henderson.

Big 'Hendo' rose to the occasion and hardly put a foot wrong as Marconi cruised to victory despite the overbearing heat of a sultry Melbourne afternoon.

The Hellas front two of Stuart Stevenson and Danny Wright didn't get a look in against the Henderson inspired defence and both were substituted.

South Melbourne's midfield battled manfully but was also beaten and

"Preston has surprised everybody over the last nine weeks and Ernie Merrick has done wonders with them."

Their new Yugoslav central striker, Goce Dimovski, looks efficient inside the box and gets plenty of help from his fellow striker, Steve Smith.

"With the two penalties against us last Sunday it now brings to four the total penalties against us in the last three matches."

Sydney Olympic has now gone six consecutive weeks without a win and has to defeat Preston if they want a top five spot.

After Sunday's match Olympic travels to play South Melbourne in Victoria in the final league round.

Only Apia, Preston and St George are certain of 'top five' spots.

Marconi looks uncomfortable in fourth position with 25 league points, but only have one match in hand away to Sydney Croatia.

To help plug up the enormous gap in Olympic's central defence Thomson has pulled back midfielder Tony Dakos and switched Robbie Hooker to link up with George Haniotis.

Midfielder Gary Phillips, who starred for Olympic last Sunday, will again drop back into the right fullback spot.

But Olympic's major set back this season has been in the goal scoring department.

So far this season they have only managed to knock in 26 from 22 outings. Last Sunday Kosmina scored his first goal in three months from a rare cross he received in the first half.

Adcity are still in with a chance

By TOM PETERS

NATIONAL champions Adelaide City are not giving up without a fight.

Their 1-0 win over Brunswick Juventus at Olympic Park moved them up three places on the League ladder and the classy South Australians are still a rough hope for a semi-final position.

Mathematically they still have a chance of making the play offs, but realistically they will need some incredible results go their way in the final two matches of the season.



CHARLIE VILLANI

"Still, as they say in football, anything is possible."

As for Sunday's match a Charlie Villani goal in the 78th minute was good enough to separate the two teams in the end.

Once again the undeniable skill of the Adcity midfield was the telling factor.

Sergio Melta and Adrian Santrac, well supported by striker Joe Mullen outplayed the home team with the aid of much more possession.

It was no surprise when Adelaide City created the first chance when Santrac found Mullen unmarked in the area, but the striker's header went straight to Juve goalkeeper Pat Marama.

Santrac, Melta and Villani combined to give Mullen another opportunity in the 35th minute but Marama foiled them again.

Brunswick's best chance came in the 70th minute when Vlatko Belic rounded 'keeper Willie McNally only to see his shot hit the post and rebound to safety.

Juve paid dearly for that miss eight minutes later when Villani rammed home a shot after a move instigated by veteran Buggy Nyskhous and Mullen.

It should have been 2-0 a minute later when Aurelio Vidmar failed narrowly to connect with a sliding shot after a pass from Mullen.

Best players for Adelaide City were Melta, Mullen, Santrac and Alex Tobin while Joe Palatides, Belic and Adrew Zinni were Juve's best.

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THE NATIONAL LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
APIA-L'hardt.....	22	13	8	1	37	18	34
Preston.....	22	10	7	5	28	19	27
St. George.....	22	11	4	7	29	23	26
Marconi.....	23	10	5	8	36	25	25
Syd Croatia.....	22	9	6	7	29	19	24
Melb Croatia.....	23	9	5	9	22	28	23
Olympic.....	22	7	8	7	26	26	22
S. Melbourne.....	22	8	6	8	28	32	22
Adelaide City.....	22	6	9	7	27	20	21
Brunswick.....	22	8	4	10	16	22	20
Footscray.....	22	7	6	9	14	24	20
Heidelberg.....	22	3	6	13	24	42	12
Sunshine.....	22	2	8	12	23	41	12

THE NATIONAL LEAGUE RESULTS

SYDNEY CROATIA 2 (M Jones, I McKie og) HEIDELBERG 0 at Croatian Sports Centre. Crowd: 4500.

ADELAIDE CITY 1 (C Villani) BRUNSWICK 0 at Olympic Park. Crowd: 400.

ST GEORGE 1 (M O'Shea) FOOTSCRAY 0 at St George Stadium. Crowd: 2332.

PRESTON 1 (G Dimovski) MELBOURNE CROATIA 0 at Connor Reserve. Crowd: 3500.

SUNSHINE 2 (J Markovski, S Richardson) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (J Kosmina) at Chaplin Reserve. Crowd: 1500.

MARCONI 2 (C Mason, F Farina) SOUTH MELBOURNE 0 at Middle Park. Crowd: 1500.

THE NATIONAL TOPSCORERS

ROD BROWN APIA-Leichhardt	14
FRANK FARINA Marconi	13
PAUL LEWIS Melbourne Croatia	11
ROBBIE SLATER Sydney Croatia	9
JOE MULLEN Adelaide City	8
RON CAMPBELL Preston	8
STEVE SMITH Preston	8
JOHN MARKOVSKI Sunshine	8
CHARLIE VILLANI Adelaide City	8
GRAHAM ARNOLD Sydney Croatia	7
LAWRIE MCKINNA Heidelberg	7
PAUL WADE South Melbourne	7
PETER TSOLAKIS Heidelberg	7
SCOTT OLLERENSHAW St George	7
IAN WALLACE Melbourne Croatia	6
STUART STEVENSON South Melb.	6
GARY WARD APIA-Leichhardt	6
JOHN KOSMINA Sydney Olympic	5
STEVE MAXWELL Marconi	5
ZARKO ODZAKOV Syd Croatia	5
GRAEME FLETCHER St. George	5
MARK JONES Sydney Croatia	5
GOCE DIMOVSKI Preston	5

THE KISS OF DEATH FOR CROATIA

MELBOURNE Croatia kissed its semi-finals chances goodbye as it went down 1-0 at Connor Reserve to Preston.

By our ace Melbourne writer **LES SHORROCK**

Whilst the result was eminently satisfactory to the large crowd of Preston faithful, I found the game very disappointing.

With two of the country's best strikers, Paul Lewis and Steve Smith backed up by midfielders of the calibre of Ian Wallace, Willie Herd and Ron Campbell all playing, you are entitled to expect some good attacking Soccer.

But it never eventuated, because the big defenders of both teams ruled the day. Every constructive move was either

snuffed out by Dave McIntosh, Robbie Dunn, Billy Piculovski or Steve Jackson, until you began to feel that a goal would only come by mistake.

And in the 30th minute, that is exactly what happened.

Robbie Dunn shaped to pass back to Mirko Runje, underhit the ball, and Goce Dimovski nipped in and planted the ball well beyond the goalkeeper's reach.

It was a cruel blow for

Croatia who only five minutes before had seemed certain to take the lead.

Herd and Lewis raced through the Preston defence, apparently well offside, there was no flag and Herd passed to Lewis who rounded Phil Triainides and shot into the empty net.

But Lewis was to be denied as Piculovski appeared out of nowhere like Superman and scooped the ball off the line.

It was Ernie Merrick's 13th game in charge, but it was to be far from his unluckiest.

That was evident in the second half when Melbourne Croatia desperately pressed forward in an effort to snatch at least an equaliser.

It had the wind, but didn't use it very intelligently. Three of Runje's clearances went over the Preston crossbar with one bounce whilst his midfielders got cricks in their necks looking skywards.

And Josip Biskic had more possession than anyone on the ground, but wasted it, with his crosses either flying past his forwards, or plopping safely into Triainides' big mitts.

When Preston was under pressure, it was

Steve Jackson to the rescue, once heading clear over his own crossbar and later, kicking off the line.

In the closing minutes, Croatia players claimed they had forced the ball over the Preston goal-line and Wallace, protesting vigorously, tangled with defenders.

But referee Dennis Voutsinas stood firm and turned down the claims, and that was Croatia's unhappy lot.

PRESTON: Triainides, Stewart, Piculovski, Jackson, Petrov (Tasevski 76th), McLennan, Ilioski, Campbell, Dimovski, Smith, Gojevic.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Runje, McIntosh (Scott 67th), Dunn, Hannah, Milosevic, Biskic, Wallace, Herd, Heys (Campbell 78th), Lewis, Dobson.

Croatia bounce back with...

THE JONES BOY

By **FRANK COLETTA**

"IT'S been a long time since you guys have come into a Croatia dressing room as happy as this," said striker Robbie Slater to the media after the Sydney Croatia side had lifted itself from a desperate form slump to easily account for Heidelberg United 2-0.

That was a perfect summation by the hotshot red head. For well on two months there had been no life in Croatia fullstop. On this day it was a buzzing atmosphere.

It was the midfielders Mark Jones and Zarko Odzakov who laid the foundations for the return to form — and not before time.

Jones had Heidelberg behind the eight-ball from as early as the third minute. Odzakov whipped over the free-kick for Jones to plant his running header into the back of the net before Jeff Olver could move.

Odzakov made a burst forward from halfway, took on Alan Hunter and Olver, beat both, the latter twice but couldn't find a cross to match the run.

Whilst Olver was to prove the stumbling block in the second half, his opposite in Greg Woodhouse did his best work inside five minutes in the first term, making three fine blocks.

Obviously revelling in his return to the top flight 'Woody' joked that the club's star goalkeeper Anthony Franken had pulled a fast one on him now that the weather had turned to heatwave status in the middle of spring.

But Franken isn't sitting out the season for the upcoming heat, the double-corked thigh hasn't responded to treatment and he may well not take the field again this year.

Jones virtually assured his side the points three minutes before the break when he latched onto a Wally Savor cross and his header deflected off Ian McKie's head, sending the ball agonisingly away from his own keeper into the top left-hand corner.

The oppressive heat certainly told on the players in the second half, although Slater's introduction brought real spark.

Of Slater's omission from the starting line-up, Rozic revealed: "I left Robbie out because he is suffering from an infected toe and I didn't want to go into the game with too many players carrying injuries, I already had myself and Arnold suffering."

Olver was brilliant in denying the Croatian side a more emphatic win. His save in the 63rd minute to stop a near certain Arnold goal was remarkable.

Rozic added later: "It was an important win in terms of getting confidence back into the team. I was pleased in the way we came to grips with the heat. We created chances by letting the ball do the work."

His counterpart John Margaritis was not so pleased, however.

"It's so disappointing when you bring a side to Sydney to compete and they play as if they're in an exhibition. I can't make changes because what I had on the field is all I have to work with."

"With the heat as bad as it was a side must play intelligently. We did not. Apart from our debacle against Marconi this was our worst performance all year."

SYDNEY CROATIA: Woodhouse, Savor, Jennings, Rozic, Rumora, Jones, Rezo, Odzakov (Cilinch 71), Lamond, Arnold, Kralovic (Slater 46).

HEIDELBERG: Olver, McKie, Hunter, Kanesoulis, Marley, Selamidis, Lucchesi, Fraser (Valentine 50), McKinna, Anastasiadis, Tsolakis.

CROWD: 4500.
Referee: Jim Reeves (N'cast)
Yellow Cards: Mark Jones (Croatia).

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CUT IS ENVISAGED

BY **TOM MCKAIN**

SOUTH AUSTRALIA is moving towards its super State League and it may not contain Adelaide City and Adelaide Hellas.

Moves are on to drop the NSL club — or clubs presuming Hellas makes the national competition.

The men behind the revamp are working on the

theory that two NSL teams out would immediately cut the league to 10 teams.

Clubs would then be told it would be eight for the following season, and this would give them time to rebuild for the plunge into the super set-up.

With clubs leaping into High Court and Supreme Court action at the first

sign of losing points, an interesting ruling has been highlighted by SA Federation secretary Peter Nikolic.

He brought it to the attention of the clubs when Azzurri, deducted points and plunged into relegation strife, decided to take Supreme Court action against the Federation.

According to Mr Nikolic

there is a FIFA rule which states clubs cannot take FIFA or local controlling bodies to court.

If they do they can be expelled by FIFA, and if this happens it means they are out of their local Federations or Associations.

Part of the ruling states: "National Associations, clubs or members of clubs shall not be permitted to

bring before a Court of Justice disputes with the Federation or other Associations, clubs or members of clubs and they must agree to submit any such disputes to the Arbitration Tribunal appointed by common consent."



MARK JONES (Sydney Croatia) in a midfield battle with Footscray **JUST**. It seems that the referee isn't happy. Jones netted against Heidelberg and headed the ball that went in off Ian McKie.

Sunshine keep their hopes alive as Olympic pay penalty

SUNSHINE George Cross drew level on points with Heidelberg United and helped their hopes of survival following Sunday's 2-1 win over Sydney Olympic at Chaplin Reserve.

OLYMPIC'S HOPES WRECKED

By **VLADO VLAHOVIC**

Two penalties in the second half helped Georgie overcome a deficit of one goal and score the most valuable win in their campaign.

Against the run of play Sydney Olympic surged

ahead with a goal by John Kosmina. The former Socceroo captain connected with a cross by Tony Dakos and headed the ball in the net, only minutes before half-time.

Dakos was earlier thwarted by Sean Keogh in a man to man situation. The burly defender broke

clear from Georgie's defence but his casual shot was intercepted by Keogh.

Georgie grew in stature after the goal and should have grabbed the equaliser before the break. But central defender Sean Parton shaved the wrong side of the up-

right with an overhead kick that gave Gary Meier no chance.

The resumption developed into a nightmare for Sydney Olympic. Propelled by the good news from Sydney, about Heidelberg's demise, Georgie moved in top gear and forced their

opponents into desperate defence.

Robert Markovak, John Markovski, Roger Bain and Noel Mitten led the second half onslaught and came close to scoring repeatedly.

Their failure to capitalise on their opportunities kept Georgie at bay until the 60th minute when referee John Howlin awarded a penalty against Tony Dakos for an alleged hand ball.

Olympic players appealed strongly against the referee's decision, but to no avail and Markovski converted.

Olympic's fate was sealed four minutes before full time when Howlin awarded the second penalty — this time against Spiro Hantzis, for an alleged foul on Paul Trimboli. Second half sub Steve Richardson took the kick sending Meier the wrong way.

Olympic coach Eddie Thomson was far from impressed with the penalty decisions, although he said his team had had enough chances to seal the game, anyway.

SUNSHINE: Keogh, Taylor, Parton, Marth, Mitten, Faulkner, Gilder, Markovski (Richardson 85), Bain, Trimboli, Markovac McLaren).

OLYMPIC: Meier, Hooker, Hantzis, Dakos, Phillips, Raskopoulos, Kosmina, Patalis (Harper 76), Estavillo, Johnston, Haniotis.
Ref: John Howlin (Tasmania).
Crowd: 1500.

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UNI IN A THRILLER

BY WES SAWINA

ALTHOUGH neither team played to its capability, Uni and Wests provided a tense, action packed match worthy of a Spielberg/Hitchcock movie with University winning 4-3 after extra time.

West quickly got into stride and almost went to the lead inside the first minute. Tracey's effort zipped past the post after Peter Sharpe and Carney had provided good leadup on the left flank.

Utilising their greater experience, West dominated the opening 20 minutes which saw the Students struggle to take play out of their own half.

It was not until the 21st minute that Uni threatened West's goal. A deep corner eluded Gisbourne and Popovich uncharacteristically headed wide.

West responded immediately. Sweeping the ball upfield they look certain to score through Tracey's header before it was cleared off the line.

By now both sides had settled into a more fluent style with Uni looking marginally sharper. It came as no surprise when Osborne instigated the

opening goal in the 24th minute.

His cross from the left found Kay unmarked six metres out and despite a valiant effort from Gisbourne made no mistake to put Uni into the lead.

West struck back five minutes later through Sharpe after Tracey dispossessed Liling and chipped a perfectly weighted ball into his path.

Nearing halftime they took the lead when Andrews was forced to concede a penalty by bringing down Tracey well inside the box. Carney's conversion gave the keeper no chance.

The students started the second session strongly and were rewarded with an early equaliser from Popovich.

Finding himself unmarked well inside the six metres he had no trouble putting his header in.

However their joy was short lived. Pearson fired West back into the lead after latching onto a loose ball close in.

From that point Tracey's men looked content to hold on, allowing Uni to camp in their half for long periods. They paid dearly.

In the 83rd minute Benecke should have brought the scores level but succeeded in only pushing the ball to Gisbourne from four metres.

Two minutes later the continued pressure paid dividends. A clearing kick from Tracey caught Dobson's shoulder and flew past Gisbourne for a 3-3 scoreline.

Then in the dying seconds the Students were denied a winner in normal time when the referee ruled a controversial offside decision.

The extra period saw University well in control. Benecke redeemed himself for his earlier miss in providing the opportunity for the veteran Hughes to glance in a winner in the 93rd minute.

Although West battled back they could make little impression on a Uni side who scented victory.

University's win not only gave them the championship but also promotion to State League Division Two in 1988.

UNIVERSITY: Andrew, Russell-Jones, Brooker, Ferguson, Liling, Popovich, Dows, Kay, Benecke, Shaw, Osborne.

WEST UNITED: Gisbourne, Newson, Nikolovski, Falzon, Dobson, Hardy, Sharpe, Pearson, Carney, Williams, Tracey.

CITY COMPLETE THE

WOLLONGONG City carried off its second trophy of the season after beating Canberra 2-1 in the State Bank State League Grand Final at Parramatta Stadium last Sunday.

The side from the steel city won the premiership by two points from Canberra then backed up to down Canberra.

Without Scott Dickson, David Skeen and Jock Morlando one would safely assume that Wolves were odds on to lose against an in-form Canberra.

Alas, it was not to be as Wolves struck very early in both halves to deny its country cousins.

So the first ever State League Grand Final to be fought between two non-Sydney outfits went to John Fleming's makeshift side.

Fleming said: "Having to field a side without three defenders who have played throughout the season was a difficult task."

"But I am more than pleased with the effort of

those who fitted in so well at the back."

Nova Bundalo was at fullback having to keep an eye on the League's most feared forward, Alan Reis. He had a nightmare during the first period but bounced back to deny Reis every time in the second half.

Randell Easthorpe moved to centreback and Peter Kotamanidis filled the position of Morlando, both completing their duties to perfection with Kotamanidis joining his attack many times.

But the most impressive part of the Wollongong success was certainly its ability to contain the opponent and strike back with the speed of a viper.

Its first goal was almost a carbon copy of many

seen at Wollongong this year. Rade Stefanovski

was brought down near the touch line after only 30 seconds of play. Stefanovski crossed from the free kick and Roberto Giraldo raced in to score with a great diving header.

Stefanovski was at it again in the 11th minute when he created room for himself on the right then lobbed Canberra's defence to find an unmarked Peter Kotamanidis. It looked curtains for the Griffins but Kotamanidis failed to control the ball and the chance went begging.

Canberra came back into the match ever so slowly. They applied pressure on the inexperienced defence, particularly on Bundalo on the left flank.



ALEX VESIC
reviews the
NSW State
Bank League

Reis was particularly dangerous putting in many a fine cross only to see Mike Holifield or the ever alert Jeff Ainsworth control proceedings in the air.

But the equaliser came at long last in the 35th minute through Julio Magalanes.

Jason Dunn headed to Ray Junna who flicked on for Magalanes on the

WOLLONGONG CITY—NSW CHAMPIONS



ALEX VESIC SAYS... 24 HOURS NOTICE FOR GRAND FINAL

THE departure of Aulden Brown from the secretarial position with the NSW Soccer Federation has left a huge gap in operations of our leading Soccer administration.

But few would have believed that so many mishaps would occur during the season that would normally be so well handled by the Federation stalwart.

I would venture to suggest that the biggest blun-

der of them all was the decision to play the second grade Grand Final at 24 hours notice last Wednesday night!

The players from both sides were originally informed that the Grand Final would be played on Saturday afternoon. Then suddenly on Tuesday afternoon this was changed and players informed, most of them late on Tuesday night, that it would be played the following day at Marconi.

Very little regard was given to those who

participated in the final and I hope for the sake of all concerned that a repetition of this will not apply in future.

After all, this is the Premier Soccer League of NSW and not some amateur competition. It involves if not the best then certainly some of the best talent we have in our ranks.

Just for the record the Grand Final was won by Blacktown City 5-0.

Goals came from Quarmby, Ellem, Jeffery, Moffitt and Denyer.

BLACKTOWN: Hughes, Bennett,

Bourke, Edmonds (Scott 80), Gendle, Quarmby, Ellem, Jeffery, Thornthwaite, Moffitt and Denyer.
WARRINGAH: Lahiff, G. Evers, Cleary, Friend, S. Evers, Sandtner, Placer, Duckling, Roche, Lucchesi, Macinovic.

To add insult to injury the League had, for the first time in its history, a game between Inter Monaro and Rockdale Ilinden postponed and the game was never played!

What will Giampaolo or Pilovski say at the Rothmans presentation should either of them finish losing on the medal by a point or two!

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BIG LEAGUE DOUBLE

Canberra has no answer to champs

edge of the penalty area. Canberra's newest import controlled with his left foot then sent in a dipping drive which beat Young all ends up to finish under the crossbar.

Then came the quickest goal I have seen this year — just 18 seconds into the second half.

Jeff Ainsworth got up to send in a long clearing header to the feet of Pat Brodnik who raced a few metres before slamming in a 25 metre drive leaving Economopoulos in goal for Canberra grasping thin air.

And that was the ball game.

From then on Wollongong was always on top and rarely allowed Canberra to venture forward.

Bundalo made a great effort to stop Reis; Ainsworth and Easthorpe outmanoeuvred Magalanes and Junna, while Brodnik and Giraldi tore Canberra's defence to shreds.

Some 11 minutes into the second half Pat Brodnik raced past the Canberra defence and his shot from 16 metres out went straight at Economopoulos.

Bundalo chimed into the attack in the 64th finding Giraldi with a superb crossfield pass. Giraldi faced Economopoulos but could not find the net past the diving keeper.

Brodnik had the best chance of the match in



MIKE HOLLIFIELD and son (left), by courtesy of Illawarra Mercury. At right is Wollongong City's striker Pat Brodnik.

the 78th as he raced forward to face the keeper only to see the keeper

move. Then came an anxious moment for Wollongong as Magalanes broke through only to find Warwick Young in superb touch diving low to his

left.

This story would not be complete without a reference to Canberra's star midfielder Tom Sermanni who had to represent an ACT school in Perth, hence his inability to join his team mates for the Grand Final at Parramatta Stadium.

School comes first!

WOLLONGONG CITY: Young, Kotamanidze, Despotovski (Trajcevi 21st), Bundalo, Hollifield, Easthorpe, Cokely, Ainsworth, Stevanovski, Brodnik, Giraldi.

CANBERRA: Economopoulos, Bryant, Mazie, Dunn, Nelson, Popovich (Gardikiotis 61st), Junna, P.Reis, Willox (Fernandez 84th), Magalanes, A.Reis.

BLACKTOWN CITY BOW OUT

BLACKTOWN City bowed out of the State Bank League play-offs after its 2-0 loss to Canberra Griffins in a replayed final at Marconi stadium last Wednesday night.

It was the third time this season that Canberra floored its opponent by the same scoreline and the fourth time that Blacktown failed to find the net of its ACT opponent.

Les Scheinflug dropped Byrne, Sandy and Denyer from the side which drew 0-0 with Canberra the previous Sunday, but the move failed and the rejuvenated Canberra showed far more aggression and speed to neutralise anything Blacktown had in its armory.

In fact the Demons showed little if any of the zest they displayed in the first encounter and made an unusual number of errors under constant pressure from the Griffins.

Almost from the kick-off Canberra attacked and found some gaps which almost netted its first goal early.

Glen Sterrey intercepted a cross from the left hand side only to lose possession close to his own penalty area to Alan Reis. The League's top scorer raced into the area but muffed a reasonable opportunity.

In the 27th minute a Tom Sermanni through ball found Ray Junna racing into the penalty area to face Watson but the Demon's keeper was equal to the task deflecting the shot just wide of the post for a corner.

Four minutes later Blacktown had its first opportunity when Ray Cotton hit the side netting. Then with minutes left to half time break the same player showed some dazzling skills to face Economopoulos again.

This time the Canberra keeper looked beat as Cotton looked for an opening on either side. At the last moment he rounded the keeper but went too wide and had to track back only to see Economopoulos dive on the ball and save!

Two minutes into the second half and a free kick from Bobby Naumov to the far post found Ralph Maier who headed to Cotton but his finishing was awful yet again.

Five minutes later and an overhead by Grant Lee ended the last

chance for the Demons to strike home.

Canberra struck home in the 57th after Sermanni exchanged passes with Billy Willox to race through and face Watson before finding the net. 1-0.

Willox had a chance two minutes later, following some good work by Junna and Reis but shot

over the bar then came the clincher in the 77th.

Reis found Junna who flicked on for Willox to race through and score.

CANBERRA: Economopoulos, Bryant, Mazie, Dunn, Nelson, P.Reis, Willox (Fernandez 86th), Sermanni, Junna, A.Reis, Magalanes (Gardikiotis 77th).

BLACKTOWN: Watson, Maier, Sterrey (Sandy 74th), Reynolds, Naumov, Sharpe, Kay, Fudge, Lee, Cotton, Van Blerk.



Grant Lee goes high for a header. The Demons dominated the final without winning, but the Griffins held away in the replay.

WALKER USES HIS HEAD TO SCORE

By ALEX VESIC

BARRY WALKER, the man who starred for St George and Melita Eagles in the past, showed his wares at Parramatta Stadium last Sunday by scoring with two superb headers to give Kingsford Hellas a 2-1 victory in the second division Grand Final.

Kingsford's victory was a great triumph for former Soccerroo and Sydney City midfielder Joe Watson, who is Kingsford's captain-coach.

Watson, whose delightful skills often thrilled Australian fans, certainly made a great fist of his first ever coaching job.

He worked tirelessly throughout the season while, at the same time, still showing he has lost none of his magical ball skills.

Kingsford struck in the 70th minute from a cross on the right flank. Polonia 'keeper Townson came out for it but missed it completely leaving his net unguarded and Walker was on hand at the far post.

Only two minutes later Polonia was awarded a free kick some 25 metres from goal and this time an error by the opposing keeper saw Polonia equalise.

George Psaroudis organised his wall a little too thin allowing for space on one side of the

wall then moving to the opposite post. Lech Kulwicki saw the opening and slammed his right foot drive just inside the post.

As most prepared for extra time Kingsford came through via Joe Watson, who laid the ball for Sharpley. A cross from the right was met by Walker and that was the ball game.

It was a superb finish to a simple move, much like the ones we saw so often from Sydne City when Watson pulled the strings in midfield.

Kingsford had their best in Walker, McLeod, Watson and Spanos while Polonia still has Henjek Sobczyk to thank for most of its original ideas as well as some stylish forward forays by Stefan Janic.

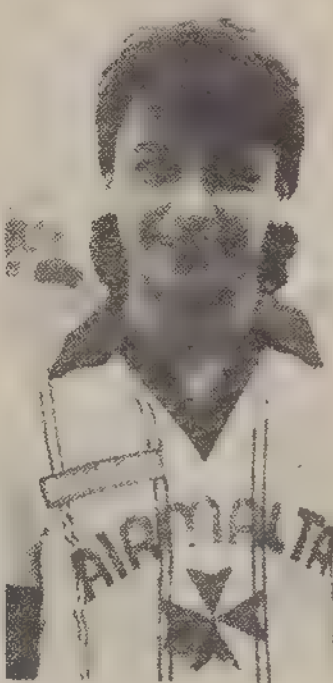
KINGSFORD: Psaroudis, Lundy, Webber, Spanos, McLeod, Lowe, Watson, Sharpley, Walker, Gavin (Somboli), Godzik (Svino).
POLONIA: Townson, Chou, Shaw (Vanderburg), Kulwicki, Robertson, Pratt, Colluso, (Drys), Thompson, Sobczyk, Janic, Soczek.



FOCUS ON:

CHRISTIAN
ORTIZ

(MELITA)



Full name: Chstian Enrique Ortiz
Birthplace and birthdate: 30/9/68, Santiago, Chile

What year emigrated: 1975

Previous Clubs: Sydney Croatia U19 Youths & North Bankstown

Nickname: Chris
Height & weight: 178cm 68kgs

Marital status: Single

Job or trade: Student

Home: Edensor Park

Favourite current player overseas: Junior (Brazil)

Favourite current player locally: Oscar Crino

Favourite all time great: Pele

Team you supported when young: Liverpool F.C.

Club honours: 3rd Grade Grand Final

Winners 1986,

Champions with Chile in Ethnic Cup

Biggest influence on career: My family and Tony Kop (North Bankstown Coach).

Favourite other team: Napoli F.C.

UNIVERSITY OF NSW ACHIEVEMENTS

THE University of NSW Soccer Club was founded by Bill Jamieson (Vice Chancellor of the University) in 1962, and has been competing in the lower NSW State League competitions since their inception with mixed fortunes.

The club fields five mens teams and one womens team. All players are amateur, a requirement of the club's constitution.

However the club does provide support to University students in the form of book prizes and scholarships.

The University club is the most successful of the university soccer clubs, having won the Australian Universities Championship more times than any other University, and filling many positions in the Australian Universities team with its players.

The home ground is Little Bay Oval, which arguably has one of the best playing surfaces in the Sydney metropolitan area.

One unusual feature of the University of NSW Soccer club is that is run by the players.

Season 1987 has been a extremely successful year for the University Club, due greatly to the camaraderie, hospitality and high spirits that are a feature of its operations.

University of NSW SC has never before won a championship in a NSW State League competition.

The club has competed in one grand final pre-

viously in 1977, the third division grand final versus Penrith Utd which was lost 2-1 after extra-time. Andrew Kay, who is captain of the 1987 squad, also played in the 1987 grand final.

The club has earned promotion once only in 1972 from the then Inter Suburban League to the third division (when there was no NSL).

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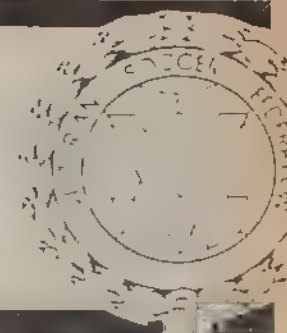
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A daft time to play

AS POLONIA JUST GO THROUGH MOTIONS

By LES SHORROCK

POLONIA clinched the State League championship with this 1-0 win over a depleted Western Suburbs in a game that was reduced at times to walking pace by the weather.

The temperature soared to an unseasonable 31c during the afternoon and it gave us unpleasant foretaste of things to come next year.

One of Australian Soccer's biggest problems is that none of the people in charge has ever played the game at any serious level (Jack Reilly always excepted, of course).

These dafties should all be made to play a 90 minute game on a summer afternoon, they would soon change their tune.

Whilst I was at Raleigh Reserve sweating on the touchline in sympathy with the players, another sporting event of some magnitude at least to Melbourne was taking place in the city.

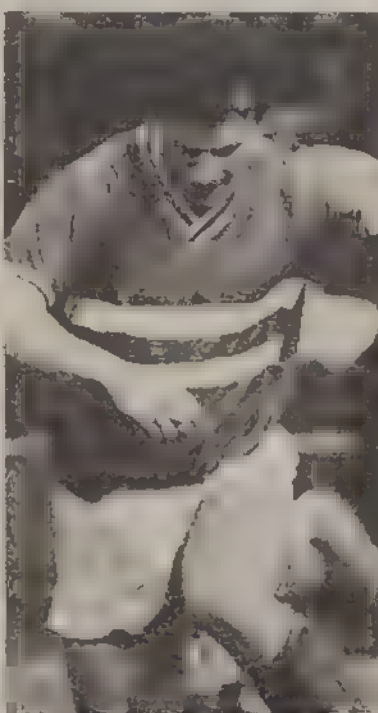
All my footy colleagues assure me it was one of the worst finals in living memory, and blamed the heat.

One, Rohan Connolly of 'The Age' began his Grand Final story thus... 'Too hot. Too hot to play, too hot to barrack. Too hot for anyone, bar the most fervent Carlton and Hawthorn fans, to pay any more than lip service to football's day of days'.

And it was the same

story at Sydney's grand day too.

Anyway, heat apart, this game was probably ruined by Aki Kotzamalichis' goal after only six minutes.



GRIFIN (Caulfield)

After that, Polonia's players, fully aware that Wests needed to score twice to wrest the title away from them, strolled about as if in a practice match.

Western Suburbs, too, with nothing to win or lose just went through the motions after putting in a strenuous 10 minutes at the start of the game.

Wests seem to be reduced to two players these days since Andy Edwards went back home.

They are of course Billy Hamill and Darren Tuck. Do you remember the Popeye cartoon in which Popeye, after taking his spinach, proceeded to play an entire baseball team on his own?

He pitched, batted, fielded, and threw like a demon. That's Hamill. No wonder he's so thin!

It made me sweat just to watch him as he took the throw-ins and the free-kicks, and ran the defence and was up with Tuck all at the same time it seems.

He had so much of the ball that I half-expected the rest of the team to ask for another ball to play with!

Tuck is a good brave striker. Maybe he'll be lucky enough to land up with a better team next season where he would get more support.

POLONIA: Kotzawa, Lipiaraki, Chetcuti, Bennett, Kotzamalichis, Baran, Nelson, Lalic, Wyclalyk (Warszawski 85th), Marshall (Ognenovski 62nd), Storm.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Hatzilazarou, Kyriazis, Hamill, Dimovski, Esposito, Kountouris, Stefanidis (Kotsalis 70th), Cutten, Tuck, McCloskey (Minh 50th), Kagioglou.

SAINTS CRUSH OAKLEIGH

SAINT Albans ended its league campaign on a high note with a crushing 5-1 victory over lowly placed Oakleigh.

But the Saints stopped short of making the top four, having squandered some valuable championship points early in the season.

The hot and humid conditions transformed Caloola Reserve to a furnace and the referee displayed tremendous common sense allowing the players a "drinks break" in both halves.

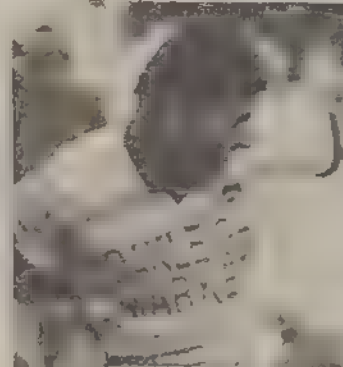
But the cold drinks did not help Oakleigh avoid the slaughter.

An early goal by Ivan Duzel set the pace. The skillful midfielder weaved his way through the defence and slotted the ball in the net.

The League's top goal scorer Dennis Morovic netted the second goal after 17 minutes, a feat duly acknowledged by the supporters.

Oakleigh's woes increased minutes later when Duzel netted his second goal for the day giving the Saints a clear 3-0 win.

Moments later Duzel Ante Kuzman claimed his share of the glory, tapping in the net a deflec-



PAUL LANGSBURY

tion by keeper Ioakimidis from a shot by Steve Kelic.

Oakleigh pulled one back before the break from a penalty awarded against Kuzman for handling the ball. Striker Steve Irvine made no mistake to change the scoreline to 4-1.

St Albans slackened in the second, but were still the dominating side. But in spite of their slow pace they managed to grab another goal with Steve Rastocic to finish the season jubilant.

OAKLEIGH: Ioakimidis (Clarke 50), Cummins, Kalitaidis, Langsbury, S.Gusic, Rossis, Katis, Vardaxis (J Gusic 65), Irvine, Andreotis, Dick.

ST ALBANS: Grgic, Runje, Kuzman, Krajacic, Collins, Rastocic, Culina, Duzel, Morovic, Kelic (Sujanara 80), Gagula, Dragovic.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manbyrnong	28	18	6	4	43	23	42
Green Gully	28	14	11	3	43	27	39
Fawkner	28	16	6	5	45	24	38
Caulfield City	28	12	11	5	39	25	35
St. Albans	28	12	10	6	39	29	34
Thomastown	28	10	11	7	31	33	31
Morwell Falcons	28	7	13	8	31	29	27
Springvale City	28	8	11	9	32	35	27
Western Suburbs	28	10	8	12	38	38	26
Box Hill	28	7	10	11	38	33	24
Croydon City	28	5	13	10	30	36	23
Oakleigh	28	8	6	14	38	47	22
Northcote City	28	8	5	15	25	48	21
Frankston Pines	28	6	7	15	33	50	19
Broadmeadows	28	4	4	20	25	53	12

GULLY DOMINANT

GREEN GULLY just did enough to squeeze into second place for the double chance in the finals by beating Box Hill 1-0, with the Hillmen not seeming to care so much about the result.

Gully scored the vital goal after its keeper Charlie Sant booted a long clearing kick deep into Box Hill's half. Then a couple of 1-2s were finished off in clinical fashion by midfielder Les Carter inside the area.

The game was totally dominated by Green Gully and in fact on three occasions players were faced with only Box Hill keeper Bob McKinlay to beat.

Colin Quigly, Milovski, and Tommy Cumming

who hit over the bar, were all guilty of wasting these excellent scoring chances.

Even with the recent instability at the Green Gully club when coach of the day Gus McLeod was sacked and the committee wanted to throw the towel in, it still managed to finish runners up in the championship race.

Caretaker player-coach Tommy Cumming believes that Gully could have won the championship if McLeod had been retained.

GREEN GULLY: Sant, Deakin, McCluskey, McLennan, Grimaud, O'Donnell, Quigly, Carter, Douglas, Ward (Milovski 46m), Cumming.

BOX HILL: McKinlay, Davidson, Hennessey, McMillan, Herd, Roodhouse, McArthur, Burton, Brimmer, McBride, Mazzagatti (Campbell 70m).

PINES RELEGATED

SPRINGVALE City signed Frankston's death warrant with a slender 1-0 in an action packed game.

Pines went tumbling to the first division of the Victorian League, following Northcote's surprise win over title contenders Fawkner.

Pines took the field for the most important game of the season without their coach Danny McMinnis, who flew to Perth to watch his son playing.

Pines did not reach any heights in the first half of the game and Springvale dominated outrightly.

Their hopes for survival were dashed by Robert Stewart, who rose head and shoulders above the others to head in the net a cross by veteran Jim Williams.

The danger of relegation sank in during the break and Pines resumed the game with a vengeance.

But City's veteran keeper Dennis Boland foiled Frankston's best scoring chance with an acrobatic save. Boland

went airborne to parry a powerful shot by Peter Thurlow.

City's coach Bobby McLachlan is happy with the middle of the table final placement of his team, considering the problems they experienced throughout the season.

Injuries to key players imposed upon McLachlan the introduction to the team of a number of youngsters who much to their credit acquitted themselves brilliantly and settled in the national league.

As for Pines their problems took their toll and next year they will battle it out in the first division.

SPRINGVALE CITY: Boland, Rolleman, Krall, Williams (Black 60), Blesinger, Bannan, Stewart, Swincoe, Hennessey, Morrey, House.

FRANKSTON PINES: Gugsyan (Radov 35), Thurlow, Ferris, Bozic, Bentley, Paulding, Buchanan, Riley (Smith 70), Watson, Armstrong, Miller.

STATE LEAGUE RESULTS

BOX HILL 5 (Burton 2, Brimmer, McMillan o.g)
CROYDON CITY 3 (Redmond 2, French).
CROYDON CITY 1 (Redmond) BROADMEADOWS 3 (Sacco 3).
GREEN GULLY 1 (Carter) BOX HILL 0.
POLONIA 1 (Kotzamalichis) WESTERN SUBURBS 0.
NORTHCOTE CITY 1 (Tsangos) FAWKNER 0.
OAKLEIGH 1 (Irvine) ST. ALBANS (2, Kuzman, Morovic, Rastocic).
SPRINGVALE CITY 1 (Stewart) FRANKSTON 1 (Pines 0).
THOMASTOWN 1 (Carlora) CAULFIELD CITY 1 (Sahinidis).
MORWELL FALCONS 0 AIS 4 (Koch 3, Bailey).

HOLLOW WIN FOR THE AIS

By VLADO VLAHOVIC

THE AIS boys celebrated their last game in Melbourne with another hollow victory over a disinterested Morwell Falcons to the tune of 4-0.

As usual, the fulltime training and much superior fitness told the tale, despite the fact that coach Ron Smith was able to leave out several of his regular players.

Falcons made a game of it until half-time and went in for the break one-nil down, thanks to a goal scored by John Koch from a David Healey cross.

But AIS piled on the pressure after the interval, and Scott Bailey, on trial from NNSW, scored

from close range to bring up the second goal.

Assistant coach Gary Cole provided the pass for John Koch to notch his second and the same player dribbled his way through the defence and rounded the keeper to finish off his hat-trick 10 minutes from time.

MORWELL FALCONS: Prezioso, Colicicello, Gotis, Sostak, Bruns, Doyle, E.Cassar, O'Callaghan, Bingham, Bezzina, Clarke.

AIS: Muller, C.Foster, Cummings (Healey 15th), Horvat, Roberts, Polak, Clarkson, Bailey, Koch, Cole, Edwards.

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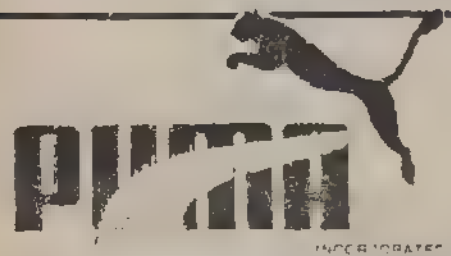
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"Barney" is superhuman . . .

BY VLADO VLAHOVIC

ZDISLAW 'Barney' Kostezewa, Polonia's recent Polish import (an ex-international keeper for Poland) has been receiving rave reviews for his marvelous feats between the sticks in the Victorian State League since his arrival a few months ago.

In fact AIS coach Ron Smith described his talents, — as super-human.

Veteran 'Barney' with a list as long as your arm in achievements back in Poland, slightly surprisingly is as keen as his local team-mates in winning the league title for Polonia because he said it would compensate for missing a first division league title in Poland.

And it would nicely fill the only vacant spot on his trophy shelf.

By the way, 'Barney' is a nickname given to him by the players because of his physical similarities to that classic cartoon favourite Barney Rubble from the infamous TV series, The Flintstones — if anyone remembers it.

**Fawknor for
NSL. . .
no way!**

By VLADO VLAHOVIC

DESPERATE Northcote engineered a Houdini-like escape from relegation when it beat Fawknor 1-0 at John Cain Reserve on Saturday.

It also snuffed out any lingering hopes Fawknor had of snatching the title from Polonia.

Northcote settled the issue early when fullback George Tsangos scrambled the ball home following a corner.

Few clear-cut chances came the way of either side, and in one of them Doug Brown had a good chance palmed away by Northcote goalie John Giannopoulos and the same forward also went round the keeper and pulled the ball back but no-one was following up and the chance went begging.

It was probably just as well that Fawknor missed the championship.

It apparently was intent on making itself look foolish by taking part in the playoffs for the 1988 NSL season.

NORTHCOTE: Giannopoulos, Beklaris, Patiniotis, Kouremenos, J. Constantinou, Leonardos, Ramos, Tsangos, Toro, Small, P. Constantinou.

FAWKNER: Wilson, Schipano, Walsh, Feris, Mancinelli (Orlando 75th), Verrechia, Stenson, Bordignon, Sabatino (Palinkas 47th), Tuffield, Brown.

ZDISLAW KOSTEZEWA WOWS MARIBYRNONG POLONIA

ASW writer VLADO VLAHOVIC covers the career of Maribyrnong Polonia's 'super-human' goalkeeper Zdislaw ('Barney') Kostezewa.

One would probably think it humorous that a stockily — built goalkeeper on the shortish side could be so talented in keeping.

The 32 year old 'Barney's' achievements speak for themselves and make for admirable or enviable reading.

He began playing senior soccer regularly at only 15 years of age for Lornik Wroclaw in the Polish third division. One year later at 16 years of age he went to Zaglembe Wabrzzych in the Polish first division where he spent three years.

Then he moved onto Zaglembe Sosnowice where he first began to taste success. With the club he was part of consecutive Polish Cup winning teams, a major highlight in his career.

During this period he represented the Polish national team at junior level and at U21 level, totalling up 24 and 21 caps respectively.

After three years at Sosnowice he moved onto Slask Wroclaw where he spent seven successful seasons.

During those season he managed 16 'B' international caps for Poland, and 5 full international caps. The pinnacle was going to the '78 World Cup in Argentina as a squad member but unfortunately he was second choice keeper.

With Slask Wroclaw Barney was part of a team that finished runners-up in the league in a so close yet so far situation.

Wroclaw stumbled at the last hurdle losing to Wislaw Krakow and thus handing over the title to them — albeit reluctantly. This result proved to be Barney's major dis-

appointment in his illustrious career.

To Melbourne

Finally in Poland, Barney finished his career at Slaska Wroclaw in the 2nd division. It was then that ex-Polonia team manager Kaz Kowalec seized on the opportunity to entice Barney to finish his playing days in Australia.

Kowalec emphasised to Barney how his experience was needed for Polonia to succeed.

The decision was made much easier for Barney, considering Australia was virtually the only country he had never seen.

Not to mention the obvious freedoms he never would experience living in Poland. In addition some relatives were already living here.

SACCO'S HAT TRICK

CROYDON displayed a lethargic attitude in losing 3-1 to bottom-placed Broadmeadows, who only won its fourth game of the season.

Their minds must have been on the bench, because they probably hadn't played so wearily all season.

On the other hand, Broadmeadows played as if they were competing in a Cup final, with some very ambitious manoeuvres in the first half that unfortunately did not come off.

It was a scoreless half, but it didn't take Broadie too long after the break to make amends for their misses.

After a nice through ball, Brian Sacco found himself in a one-on-one situation with Croydon keeper Sarrado, and made no mistake in finding the back of the net.

Croydon midfielder Tony Redmond equalised a minute later in fine style, with a brilliant scis-

sor-kick goal.

The very next attacking move saw Broadie hit the front again with what looked like a cross by Sacco, but the wind fooled everybody and floated the ball into the top of the net.

Then tempers became as hot as the temperature, with two players being ordered off.

But the man of the moment, Sacco, was left unmarked with minutes remaining. He simply knocked home his hat-trick from five metres out after a cross, to complete the scoreline.

CROYDON: Sarrado, Brown, Tasey, Brack (Lexford 60m), Beach, van Egmond, Nelson, Redmond, Livingstone (O'Shea 70m), Brogan, French.

BROADMEADOWS: Pace, Smart, Borg, Higham, Vizzini, Sacco, Kostez, Kadlicek, Blair, Sador, Gregorezuk.

Since being in Australia Barney hasn't had much time to explore our country due to being busy working at Dunlop Olympic, fitting tyres. And more importantly concentrating on winning that elusive league title with Polonia and of course filling that vacant spot on the trophy shelf.

And even more importantly Barney is desperately awaiting on the arrival of his wife and children. Naturally they cannot ar-

rive too soon for him.

Barney has now seen a bit of Australian Soccer, and thinks the top few Victorian State League teams are on par with most NSL teams, but adds there is a definite lack of overall skill in our game.

Unfortunately, crowd figures will testify to this.

Members of the press and many supporters in general believe Barney should be playing NSL, but Barney hasn't received any offers as yet and in fact

is comfortable at Polonia for the time being.

At 32 years of age, he believes he has a least five years of good football left in him and probably even longer, body willing.

All supporters — and especially Polonia's — will hope Barney's body is willing to continue. His importance is epitomised by their belief that Polonia would have secured the championship had he been there for the start of the season.

THOMASTOWN'S FINE FINISH

THOMASTOWN and Caulfield shared the spoils in a 1-1 draw in another hot and wind-affected game on Sunday.

Remarkably Thomastown have only lost two of its last 20 matches, and coach Mike Lynn believes, if the side had been settled from the beginning, a top four spot would have been assured.

Caulfield had a definite wind advantage in the first half but didn't utilise it as well as it would have liked.

Nevertheless they

opened the scoring just after the break from a fine move.

Jim Sahinidis released Con Pappas, who raced down the wing and then cut the ball back to Sahinidis, who met the return splendidly from eight metres, making not mistake with his shot.

Thomastown then dominated the next 15 minutes and the equaliser came as no surprise.

Young Victorian under 16 representative Paul Deprotetis whacked a beautifully directed 60-metre pass to the feet of Kevin Carfora, who in turn smashed the

equaliser home from 10 metres.

Kevin Carfora finally scored a goal to the relief of coach Mike Lynn, who has been agonising over so many missed opportunities by this player all season.

Thomastown finished a respectable sixth, and Caulfield has the Top Four series to look forward to this week.

THOMASTOWN: Raponi, Mihailidis, Higgins (Deprotetis 77m), Planalto, Arkorachi, Carfora, Jankulovski, Crstaido, Coyle, Athersych, McGuinness.

CAULFIELD: Madjer, Mikhails, Harris, Coutos, Phillpou (Abram 75m), Pappas, Griffin, Hefries, Seodothopolis (Sahinidis 45m), Delligiannis.

AS POLONIA TAKE TITLE FAWKNER'S CHALLENGE FIZZES

By LES SHORROCK

THE anticipated photo-finish to the State League championship became an anti-climax as the Fawknor challenge fizzled out last Saturday.

Northcote produced a titanic effort to defeat Fawknor and preserve its State League status.

Frankston Pines must be ruing the day it fell foul of the Victorian Licensing Squad.

The Squad's decision to close Pines' social club was the factor that in the long run brought about the club's relegation.

Without the revenue from the Social club, it

was unable to pay its players and eventually lost all its better players to other clubs.

It is to be hoped now that it recovers and doesn't follow its one-time city rival Frankston City into oblivion.

Despite the euphoria surrounding its first championship since 1961, all is not well at Polonia either.

The club has been strapped for cash throughout the campaign and has already indicated to the VSF that it is not interested in trying to win its way into next season's NSL.

In fact the club feels that if it doesn't find another club to amalgamate with, it might have difficulty maintaining its existence.

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IT has been a long held belief of mine that Australian Soccer desperately needs a greater influence of South American coaches and players.

They would add a much needed dimension to our set up especially in the area we lack the most — skill.

Perhaps it was the opportunity I was given as a player to play with and against so many South American players that my thinking is influenced in this manner.

Players of that era like Campana, Fernandez, Rodriguez, Blanco, Badarracco, Gauto and Murua showed Australian Soccer a lot, and more importantly were loved by fans who wanted a little entertainment added to the excitement of a football match.

many rethink their South American philosophies is Sydney Olympic's delightful midfield general Vicente Estavillo.

The ultimate accolade for the 32 year old Sydney Olympic creative genius is Eddie Thomson's televised remark that "it is worth the admission money just to watch Estavillo play."

Coming from a Scot, there is no greater praise, even though Eddie doesn't have to pay to watch his star performer.

But the point is that Estavillo entertains in a league which is short on that vital quality.

Speaking to Estavillo is



Left: Estavillo beats St. George's PEDRO RICOY.

its positive side and is aware of the problems.

"Soccer here rates fifth or sixth in tradition behind Australian rules, rugby league, rugby union, cricket, tennis and so on.

"Australia is also too far away from the competitive European or South American set up to have strong competition on a regular basis. Of course the fact

the cuff opinion.

"There are really so many good players in Australia — Robbie Dunn, Rasko, Crino, Farina, Odzakov, many outstanding young players such as de Marigny, Dakos, Hooker, Arnold..."

Sydney Olympic fans don't hide their love of

Estavillo and the type of football he represents.

You can add my name to the group that idolises Estavillo.

And the hope that his success with Sydney Olympic will prompt another South American invasion of Australian Soccer.

VICENTE ESTAVILLO

Born at Melo, Uruguay (50 kms from the Brazilian border) on May 17, 1955. Married Christine (nee Green two weeks ago).

Qualified Physical Education teacher.

Mother Eva, father Akiles.

Sisters Graciela 36, Beatrice 34.

Brother: Rodolfo 29.

Playing career

Up to 17 years of age a Futsal or indoor soccer player

1973-1976 Penarol (Uruguay)

1975 Member of the Uruguayan national under 21

team which participated in the South American

Championships in Mexico.

1977-79 Wanderers, Uruguay

1981-83 Olympiakos, Greece

1984 Crotti, New York

1985 Auburn Uruguay

1986 Sydney Olympic

Favourite Overseas Players: Maradona, Platini, Archibald

Favourite Overseas Clubs: Liverpool

Favourite Local Clubs: Adelaide City, Heidelberg

("I can't understand how they are struggling at the bottom of the table.



JOHNNY WARREN views the South American entertainers and Australia's needs

Left: VICENTE ESTAVILLO (dark shirt) takes on Footscray's OSCAR CRINO.

JOHNNY WARREN RECEIVED THIS 'POINT OF VIEW' FROM FORMER TOP SYDNEY COACH, GEORGE AZZOPARDI

ONCE again I am writing to you but this time on a rather different note, because as an ex-coach I feel that it is my duty to express my opinion and views on the stalemate in our soccer.

Another year has just gone by and during its course I watched various teams competing in the National and State Leagues. Really it was disappointing to watch these teams displaying such a poor standard of play.

But the most disappointing part to me is the way soccer is reported by the media.

We are not reporting the game in its proper perspective and not giving the public the correct analysis, how we are playing and where we are going.

Very often we hear the boasting of some over-rated players, who after all are highly paid to perform their duty and who are not delivering the goods.

ARE WE REALLY PROGRESSING? I am disappointed at a club level with the progress of the game, bearing in mind that in 1957 some 7000 spectators regularly watched soccer at Arlington Oval. After all, it is the spectators that determine whether the media will report the game in a page, a column or just a paragraph.

Thirty years ago we had 30,000 spectators watch a club game and the press ran special inserts covering the game, its players and officials.

Why was all this allowed to disappear and how long do we have to wait for its restoration? Again honestly have we really progressed?

Running without orientation is the only progress we have made, and what a waste of energy. Needless to say that the man of today is stronger than the man of yesterday, he runs faster, swims better, lifts more weight and also jumps higher and longer.

There is no reason to think that this man who excels, this athlete, does not live in soccer. But to run faster without the individual technique, without the collective tactical understanding will lead our soccer nowhere.

My perception is that we are playing a soccer well different from the rest of the world, a soccer which demands a new ruling and a new direction. You could have judged it by the way we played against better technical teams in the President Cup, the like of Egypt and South Korea.

And our last mediocre performances in the Tasman Cup. Let us have no pretences we will be left behind. We will not see World Cups unless we think seriously about adopting our own pattern, our own style and our own character in the game.

Soccer has been wrongly considered a scientific game, a sport which is precise, where truly one must study very hard to reach something good.

But to me soccer is one of the most simple, easiest games in the world. Let us keep it that way. I firmly believe that all players must be involved at all times in a game and every player must be mobile and able to score goals. Hence ALL ARE STRIKERS AND ALL ARE SWEEPERS.

I sincerely point out that my remarks are not intended to be offensive, but perhaps useful to the betterment of the game. What do you think? Is it not food for thought for our officials, coaches and press?

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Since those days I regret we have had all too few South American players gracing our scene.

Martinez, Carrizo, Silva, de Melo and Muniz were some of the all too few in recent times.

Perhaps South American players took too long to settle, perhaps they were too expensive as opposed to British imports or perhaps the clubs and their coaches looked to win the league with competitors and combaters rather than skilled players.

Whatever the reason, for my money our game is the poorer for the lack of South American influence.

Current Amigos

Canberra kicked off the change in that thinking by bringing Augusto Palacios to the national capital last year as a player and the 1987 season as player-coach.

But the player making

almost as rewarding as watching him play.

Intelligent, courteous, modest, articulate you get the feeling that here is a player who has a lot to contribute to our future.

You can add my name to the group that idolises Estavillo

A couple of years more at Olympic and the recently married midfielder should be set free on our most outstanding young players to polish their skills for greater things.

Positive

With a university degree in physical education this seems a natural step for Estavillo.

Unlike many imports Estavillo is not quick to knock the Australian game.

On the contrary he sees

that the players here are part time as opposed to being fully professional", are the three major factors against soccer's progress according to Estavillo.

"As we all know up to 17 or 18 Australia can compete with the rest of the world — tradition, competition and professionalism is the way to make that happen at senior level," says Estavillo.

He hesitates to name his favourite local players, more from fear of offending someone with an off

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FOOTSCRAY JUST HAVE PROVED TOUGH NUTS IN SECOND ROUND

BY KEITH GILMOUR

AFTER an inauspicious start to the season, Footscray JUST is now shining, although they have not hit the heights to the extent they managed in 1986.

The quality of so many of their players has led to a resurgence, and one of the leaders has been Soccerroo Oscar Crino, who has performed so well even though he has been and still is carrying injuries.

One of the players who has made a big difference is Ken Murphy, who joined from South Melbourne Hellas during the year.

Central defender Drago Deankovic has contributed a deal towards the defence, and leading to the Blues fielding a capable, allround side.

There is little doubt too that former schoolboy and youth international Ernie Tapai is one of the real talents in Australia.

Already he has proved that he has the ability to turn the course of matches. No doubt Australian coach Frank Arok has him listed on his dossiers as a player with a bright future.

The unfortunate thing for the



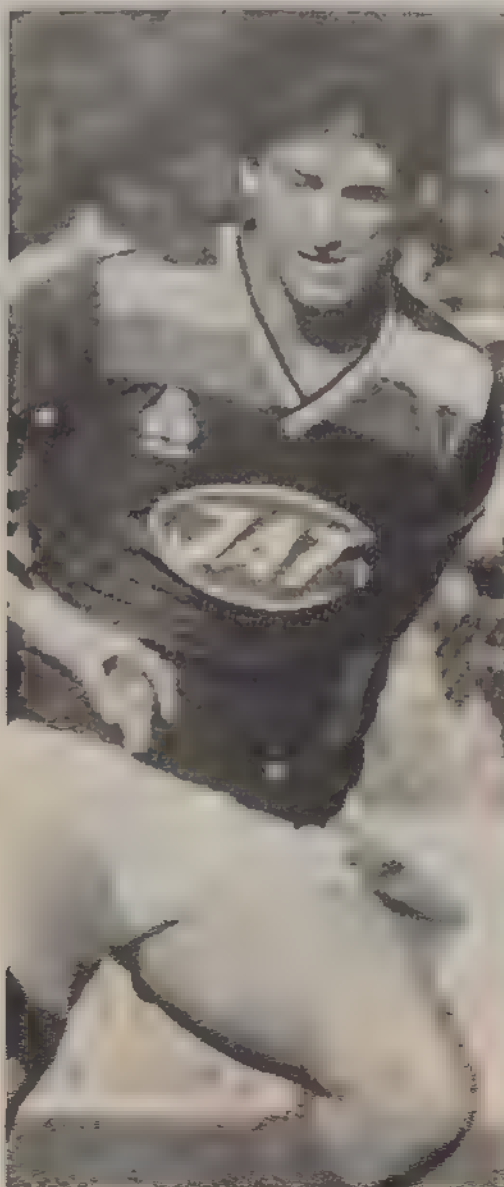
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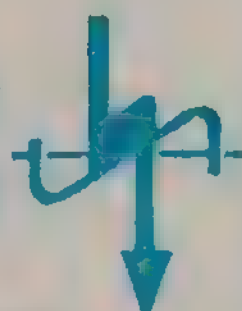
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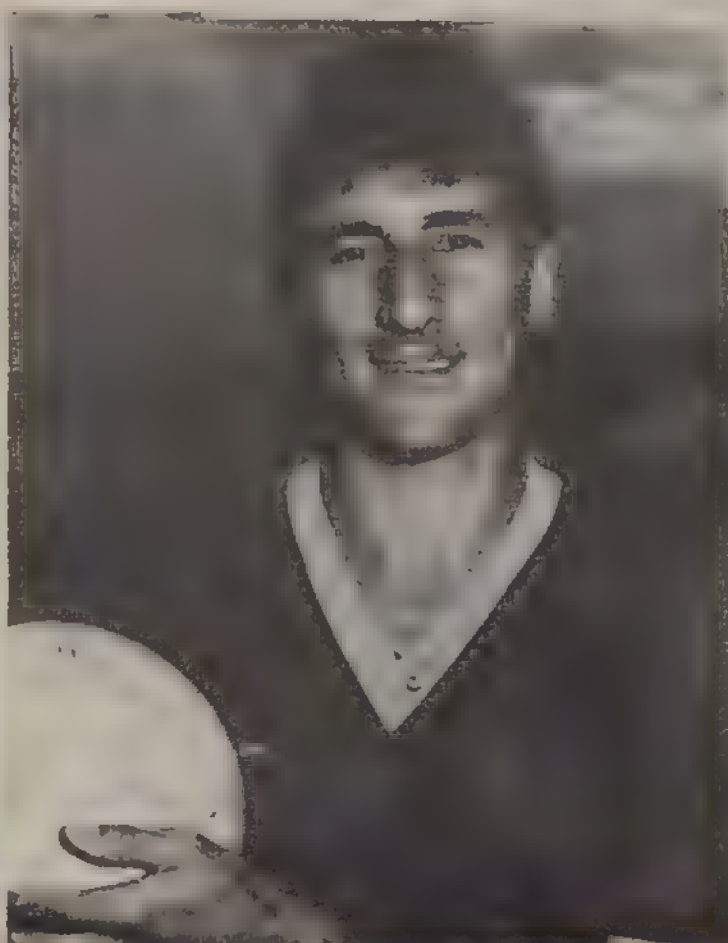
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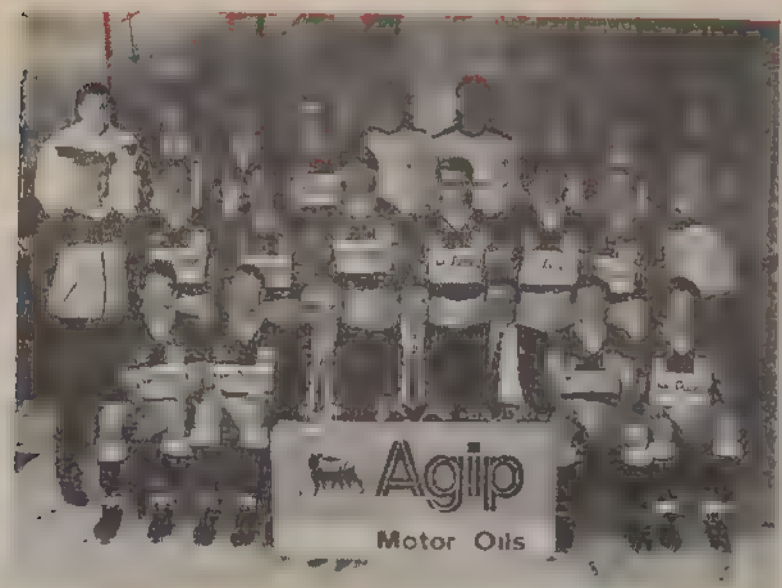
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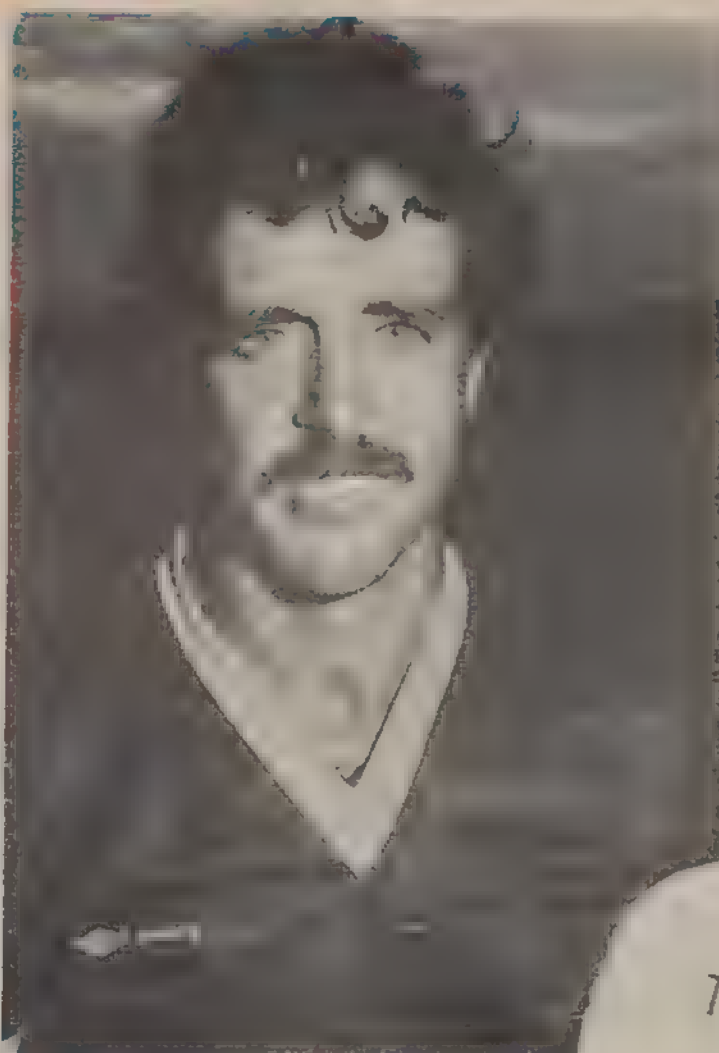
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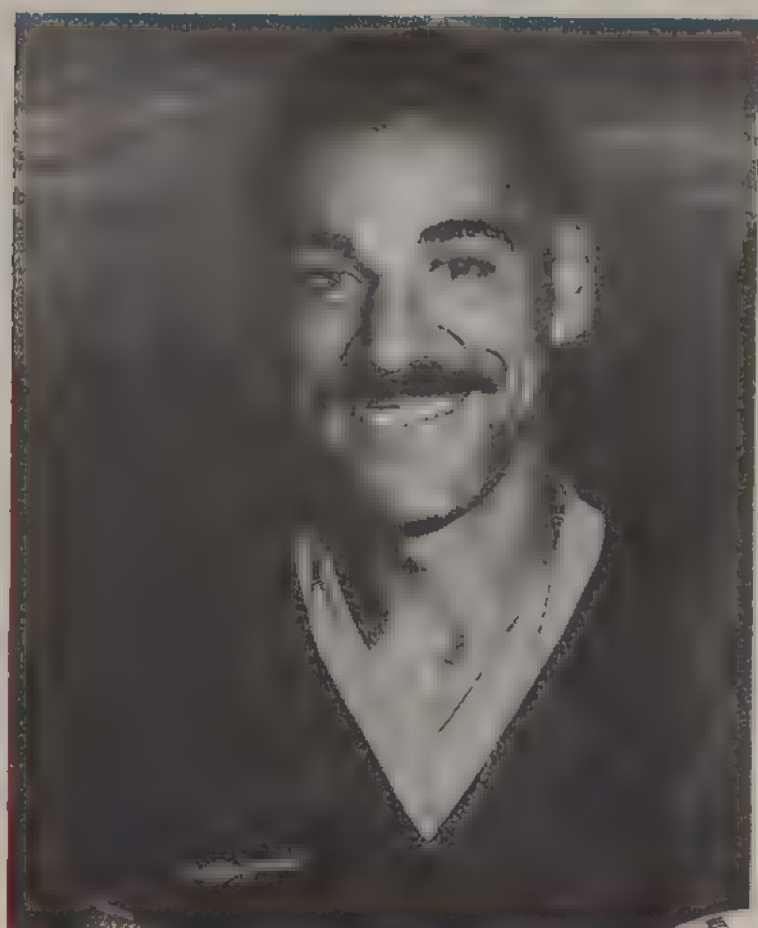
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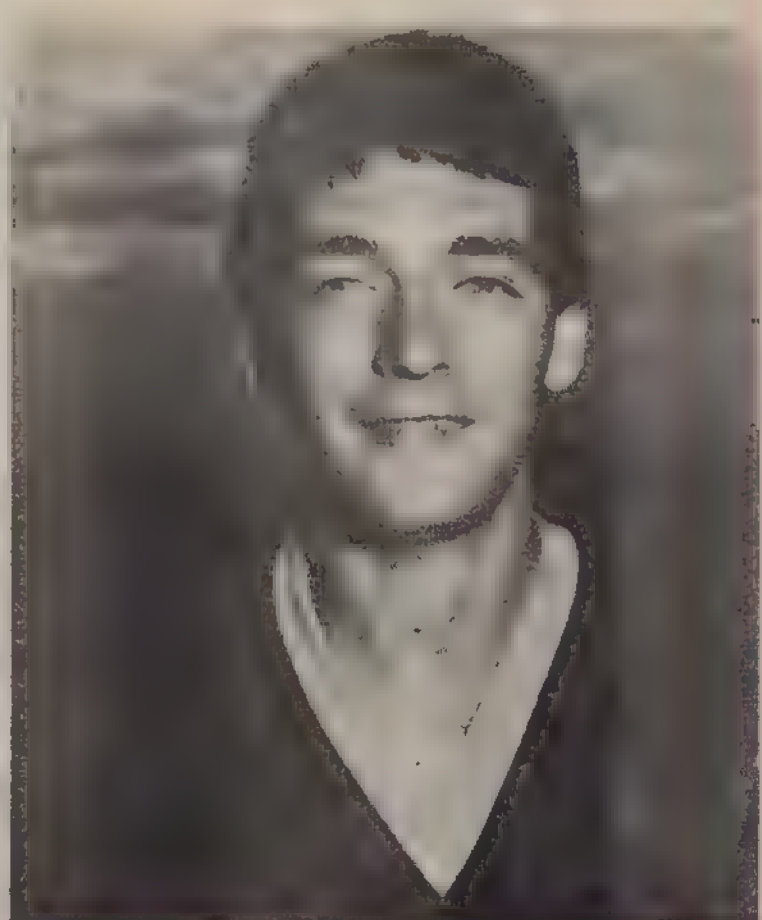
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club is that their famous coach Drago Sekularac did not arrive in Melbourne in time to put the side through their paces early enough.

No-one would acknowledge that more than Sekularac himself, and the team looked hopelessly outclassed from the beginning.

Few however possess Sekularac's depth of football knowledge, and it came as no surprise when things began to happen for the club.

In Zoran Nikitovic they have a vastly experienced goalkeeper who has the knack of being able to pull off the unexpected at a moment's notice.

Tyrone James, with sound English League experience, was signed to bolster the defence, and he has increasingly fitted in as the season has advanced.

Tom Karic is a valuable defender, whilst left-back Gary van Egmond is doing as well as he has ever done.

His challenging runs up the wing and crisp passing show that he has had latent ability for some time.

Yugoslav Vlado Bozinovski in the centre of the midfield is a man who has the football nous to be a matchwinner on his day.

Warren Spink is a capable striker, and within a year or so it would not surprise to see many more goals to his name over the season.

Also in the main squad are handy practitioners Nick Burlap and Eddie Campbell.

Quite a number of other players have been capable regulars over the year, with Zoran Dimitrijevic a central striker with good vision and punishing finishing ability.

In last week's match the team was desperately unlucky not to have secured one point or better against third-placed St George.

Tyrone Power lunged out with his leg inside the box and that led to an unstoppable penalty kick from Mike O'Shea.

One of the major interests in Sunday's game will be the display of opponents Sunshine George Cross.

They are coming with a great end-of-season burst in the bid to avoid relegation and leave the dubious honour in the hands of Heidelberg.

Not only is this aspect an interest, it bids to make the Footscray-Sunshine game one of the best encounters of the round.

Sunshine is unlucky to have to play without their youth internationals John Markovski and Paul Trimboli, who will be with the Young Socceroos in Argentina.

This means that Footscray will be at an advantage, but on recent form Georgie will only treat this as a further challenge and will be right in there in the battle for the points.

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Standing (left to right): Frank Simonovich, Zoran Nikitovic, Drago Deankovic, Vlado Bozinovski, Tyrone James, Zoran Dimitrijevic, Tom Karic, Oscar Crino, Eddie Campbell, Zoran Vlainic, Joe Sterpin (team manager), Drago Sekularac (coach).

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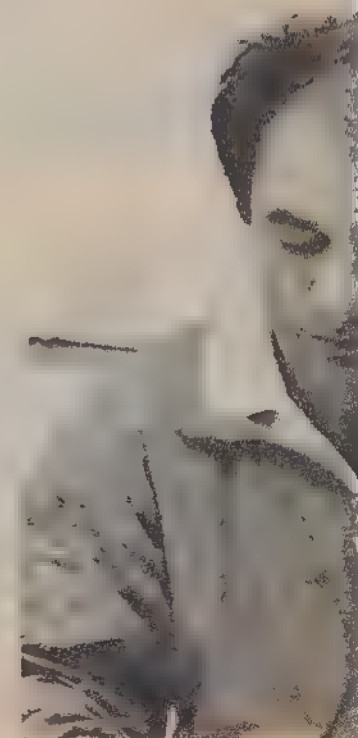
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NSL PLAY-OFF CHANCES

THE statistics fail to suggest a winner between Brisbane Lions and Adelaide Hellas when they contest the National League promotion play-offs next month.

Lions have a far from impressive record in Adelaide while Hellas' performances in Brisbane during their 10 year stint in the NSL certainly don't indicate they are good travellers.

The two clubs will meet in home and away matches next month to determine the team to go into next season's West End NSL.

Under dates issued last week by the Australian Soccer Federation, and agreed to be the Queensland Soccer Federation but rejected by the South Australian Soccer Federation, the first game in the promotion series will be played in Adelaide on Sunday October 11.

The return between Lions and Adelaide has been scheduled for Brisbane on Sunday, October 18. The grounds of South Australia's complaints obviously is that they wanted the home draw last.

Were a Victorian team involved in the series, that side would have played Lions in Brisbane on October 21, host Lions on October 28 and play Adelaide Hellas in Adelaide on October 14 and in Melbourne on October 25.

If the statistics are a guide, Lions will have to improve their performances in Adelaide if they hope to score a vital two points, or even a draw, in the opening series match at Hindmarsh on Sunday, October 11.

In 10 years in the NSL, Lions travelled to Adelaide for league matches on 18 occasions (nine v Westad and nine v Adelaide City). Of those 18 games, Lions went home victorious only three times, and only one of those against Hellas. Five of the 18 ended in draws.

Lions' best win was in Adelaide in 1978 when they beat Adelaide City 4-1. Their best result against Hellas at Hindmarsh was a 3-1 victory in 1981. West Adelaide's best performance against Lions was in 1977 when they thumped the Queenslanders 5-1.

West Adelaide came to Brisbane 18 times for league matches (nine v Lions and nine v Brisbane City) and went home with both points on four occasions while the points were shared four times. But Hellas has only beaten Lions twice, with both results in the first three years of the old PSL. West Adelaide beat Lions 4-1 in 1977 at Perry Park while their worst defeat in Brisbane was a similar defeat at the hands of Brisbane City in 1982.

The last time Lions and Adelaide Hellas met was on August 17, 1986, when both clubs were fighting for NSL survival. Lions won that clash 2-1 but finished the year in 15th position under the selection criteria when the axe fell behind team no.14.

THE ERIC AND JOE SHOW

TWO of Queensland's best known coaches will step down a league next season and take over the helm of leading division two clubs.

Former Mount Gravatt coach Eric Thompson has been appointed coach at Acacia Ridge while former Grange Thistle, Brisbane City and Lions coach Joe Gilroy will be at Inala City next year.

Acacia Ridge finished third and Inala fourth in Division Two this season.

Thompson announced his intention to leave Mount Gravatt this season after 10 years at Dittmer Park. And it did not take the ambitious Acacia Ridge long to snap up the well-known coach, former player and columnist.

"When the season finished with Mount Gravatt, I wasn't sure where I was going. But the approach and enthusiasm of Acacia Ridge helped me make up my mind quickly. They are definitely my type of club," Thompson said.

Thompson has a three-year agreement with the Ridge, but already is aiming to make a return to the XXXX League in 1989. He acknowledges Division Two is one of the toughest in Brisbane and with only one team being promoted to the XXXX League, the promotion race it cut-throat.

"I needed a new challenge and I am already

looking forward to next season. The Ridge have been in XXXX League before and know what it is all about. They have come close to winning promotion for the past two years and there is no reason why we can't get it next year," Thompson said.

Gilroy's appointment came as real surprise. He had battled all year to keep the young Grange Thistle side in the XXXX League and finally won their relegation battle with Taringa. A win in the second last round enabled Thistle to move a point above Taringa and survive.

After doing all the hard work this year and rebuilding the Thistle side, it seemed Gilroy would stay at Lanham Park as the side grew with confidence, experience and ability.

"I was very impressed

with what Inala City had to offer and in the end they persuaded me to come over," Gilroy said.

"I have watched them play and they have some very good players in their side. We're definitely looking to XXXX League."

With Gilroy's unexpected move, yet another XXXX League position remains vacant. Others yet to appoint a coach for 1988 include Rochdale, Olympic United and Redlands, while Easts' John Sime is yet to finalise details for next year.

Sime was emotionally flattened when his side lost its knockout semi-final 4-2 in extra-time to North Star after leading twice in normal time.

"I will just wait a few weeks and let things settle down and then have a chat to the club about next year," Sime said.



FRANK LIDDELL is upended.

IAIN KESSON'S LAST HURRAH

FORMER England striker Bob Latchford and Queensland Soccer legend Jim Hermiston were rated this week by retiring Taringa Rovers XXXX League coach Iain Kesson as the best players he has seen in 20 years of Brisbane football.

Kesson announced his retirement after Taringa's recent final round 1-0 loss to premiers Lions—a result which sent Rovers tumbling into Division Two.

"Whether we had been relegated or won the championship, I would be retiring," Kesson said.

"After 20 years and losing three businesses because of Soccer, I think its time to spend my time on something other football."

In rating Latchford and Hermiston as the best he had seen, Kesson qualified the pair as two different types of players.

"Hermiston was the best 'brain' player I have ever seen. He was so clever and for a long time just played on his brain and was never found wanting," Kesson said.

But as far as an allround player is concerned, Kesson rated Latchford as the best. Kesson was the assistant coach at Lions when the big striker guested in 1981.

"He was a professional on and off the park in every respect. He always wanted to help those around him and was willing to give advice or do anything to help promote the club," Kesson said.

"And he was the most successful guest player the club ever brought out because his style suited Lions at the time and to a certain degree Australian soccer. And he got what he was paid for—goals."

Kesson's involvement in Soccer has spanned a num-

ber of clubs including Brisbane City, where he was their first NSL coach, St Helen's (Ipswich United), Lions and Taringa.

His greatest achievement was the development of the Young Lions team which produced NSL players including Russell Stewart, Steve Jackson, Alan Hunter and numerous others who went onto first team football at Lions or other local clubs.

"At just about every club I can see players that I coached as youngsters. That makes me feel proud," Kesson said.

But in leaving the game, Kesson is also disillusioned. He believes we have progressed very little in 20 years. And he believes the biggest setback to Queensland Soccer was our axing from the NSL and the player drain south.

"I don't blame the QSF or the two clubs. But then City and Lions had years to get it right. They never really gave a coach a fair go," Kesson said.

"But I am leaving the game with no regrets. Soccer has been good to me and I hope I have been good to Soccer."

THERE could be a surprise winner in the inaugural Queensland Players' Player of the Year award to be announced at the annual Queensland Soccer Press Association Dinner to be held at Perry Park, on Friday, October 9.

Players from the 12 XXXX League clubs were asked to Vote 3,2,1 on their player of the year several weeks ago. Players were not permitted to vote for anyone from their own club.

An early counting of the votes have unearthed some surprising selections and obviously players appreciate the abilities of some of their peers who may not always be in the media limelight.

The Players' Player of the Year award will be among a host of presentations at the Annual Soccer Press Dinner, which has been staged since 1979.

The Queensland branch of the Australian Soccer Press Association also will presents its annual player, coach, re-



Queensland product ALAN HUNTER (right) defending for his state against NSW.

QUEENSLAND PLAYERS' PLAYER

freee and rookie of the year awards. A team of the year also will be announced.

Awards also will go to the leading XXXX League scorer, Kieran Cooper, while Mark Brusasco will be presented with the George Roberts Memorial Award for being the

best Queensland in the annual interstate clash.

The Reg Erskine Memorial Award also will be made for services to soccer.

The guest speaker at this year's function will be Brisbane Bears Australian Rules general mana-

ger Shane O'Sullivan.

Tickets for the function are now available at \$20 which includes a smorgasbord meal, beer and wine. Tickets can be booked by contacting Geoff Stead (252 6345 or 209 9700) or Justin Coomber (252 6011).

LIDDELL EXPERIENCES GRAND FINAL FEVER

QUEENSLAND and Brisbane Lions captain Frank Liddell has "Grand Final Fever" for the first time in his distinguished 15-year career.

This weekend Liddell will lead the Lions into the XXXX League Grand Final. Having spent much of his career in the British system, and more recently in Australia in the National League with Lions and Brisbane City who never reached the top five, playing in a Grand Final is a new experience for the tough 33-year-old stopper.

"We don't have Grand Finals in Scotland and since I came to Australia, I have never had to chance to play in a Grand Final," said Liddell.

Liddell booked his Grand Final berth a week ago when he led Lions to an emphatic 3-0 win over Azzurri Brisbane City in the XXXX League major semi-final.

Liddell said he had enviously watched local Grand Finals during his NSL days with Azzurri and Lions.

"I have always wanted to be involved because its been exciting to watch and Grand Final day always has plenty

of atmosphere," he said.

"And now that I have got to a grand final, I will be making sure I win it."

After struggling with a calf injury for much of the second round, Liddell was back to his best in the major semi-final and completely overshadowed Azzurri star striker Kieran Cooper.

"Our defence played well because we pushed forward onto the ball and wanted to win everything which came our way. And that's the attitude we will have on Grand Final day," Liddell said.

Lions, who will be in their first Grand Final since 1983 when the lost in the last minute to Olympic United, played the winner of the preliminary final between North Star and Azzurri.

The curtain-raisers to the XXXX League Grand Final will be the Division Two and Division Three Grand Finals which will ensure a bumper crowd at soccer headquarters, Perry Park on Sunday.



ADAMSTOWN TOPS IN SUPER LEAGUE UNDER SIXTEENS

BY RUSHY

ADAMSTOWN Rosebuds proved far too strong and skillful in the Coca Cola Super League U16 grand final for Lake Macquarie,

who never seriously threatened the opposition goalmouth.

The final score of 3-0 in favour of Rosebuds could well have been ten had the Adamstown marksmen been on target.

The home team missed many early opportunities and were unlucky not to score in the 17th minute when Jimmy Magnisalis hooked his corner across for Brett Eldridge to climb high above his opponents - however his forceful header was inches wide.

The Lake Macquarie keeper Lucas Olney was well positioned to save a flicked on shot from Adam

AUSTRAL PLAYERS AREN'T UNITED

HOWARD TREDINNICK and Robert Holden, stars of the Austral United Club, are two leading contenders for the Northern NSW Soccer Federation's Player of the Year Award.

Tredinnick (pictured left) was a talented 1981 Young Soccerroo in the World Youth Championship, and played with Newcastle and Melita before joining Austral.

He is a brother of APLA star Peter Tredinnick.

Apart from Tredinnick and Holden, Renato Martinelli (Highfields) and Scott Piggott (Lake Macquarie) are well in the race.

Hastie. His opposite number Andrew Zok was receiving very little work at the other end, and it was only a matter of time before the deadlock was broken.

The opening goal came in the 33rd minute when Hastie crossed low and firm from the right for Eldridge to crash home from 10 metres, sending the excellent crowd of some 700 into chants of

"Rosebuds, Rosebuds."

The second half belonged totally to Adamstown. They added to their total when Macquarie failed to clear from a corner and the ball fell for that man Eldridge, who scrambled it over the line.

Lincoln Bell set up the third after 41 minutes when he switched play to the left finding Stephen Macbeth, who made no mistake picking his spot and coolly sliding the ball

past the keeper.

After the match Adamstown captain Jimmy Magnisalis accepted the championship trophy from Dave Williams, president of the Northern NSW Soccer Federation.

Brett Eldridge was rightly named Man of the Match, although he must have been closely followed by Lincoln Bell who shows a lot of intelligence throughout the game.

NEWCASTLE

COCA COLA SUPER LEAGUE GRAND FINAL RESULTS

U13/ WESTON 3 AZZURRI 0

U14/ AZZURRI 2 WEST WALLSEND 0

U16/ ADAMSTOWN ROSEBUDS 3 LAKE MACQUARIE 0

ANOTHER CURRAN ON THE WAY

The Under-14 Championships have a Soccerroo flavour with the arrival of Dean 'Bunny' Curran with the NNSW side.

The young defender is the son of former World Cup defender Col Curran who represented Australia in West Germany in 1974.

But the 'Little Bunny' is already comfortably relaxed with his and the team's expectations and calmly states, "I think we'll just take it pretty much as it comes at the moment and give every game."



COL CURRAN (centre) prepares his tackle, supported by other great Australian defender Peter Wilson, in this International against South Korea at Sydney Sports Ground.

ILLAWARRA with PHIL MURPHY

No big splash out

PETER KOTAMANIDIS' FREAK DOUBLE

WOLLONGONG City midfielder Peter Kotamanidis achieved a unique double this season.

He was part of a Sydney Olympic squad which won the NSL Youth League championship and helped the Wolves take the State Bank League title.

Kotamanidis was with the Wollongong club when they were "kicked out" of the NSL last season.

Like former team-mates David Green (St George) and Ray Vlietstra (Sydney Croatia), he decided to leave the South Coast in a bid to stay in the NSL.

Unfortunately for Kotamanidis things didn't work out at Olympic and after playing in the senior side in the pre-season series he found himself in the Youth team.

When the Wolves inquired about him he jumped at the chance to return to Wollongong and what he thought might be first team football.

Once again things just didn't turn out that way.

With the Wolves having a fortunate run of avoiding injuries in the second half of the season, Kotamanidis found himself on the bench.

Apart from a few short bursts as a late replacement, Kotamanidis saw little action on the field.

Ironically, he was in the

starting lineup for the first time for Sunday's grand final against Canberra City at Parramatta Stadium.

After that game he said his aim is to prove he can gain a regular place with the club when they start their 1988 NSL campaign.

He said it has been something of a disappointing season for him despite the fact the Wolves won the championship.

"No player likes spending so much time on the bench, but the team was doing well and they just

didn't drop anyone," he said.

"I will now have to stake a strong claim for a place in the side for the start of next season and make sure I hold on to it.

"If I do I won't really feel sorry for any players on the bench because I have had to spend most of 1987 there."



Photo: ILLAWARRA MERCURY

Peter Kotamanidis (right) controls the ball in a game Inter-Monaro. Kotamanidis is determined to make this mark on the NSL with newly promoted Wollongong City.

WOLVES BUDGET FOR NSL

COACH John Fleming has discovered there are a number of players in the West End National League very interested in playing their soccer in Wollongong next season.

The Wolves coach has revealed he has received a number of phone calls from established NSL players looking to sign with the club.

"I have been surprised that some of these players have contacted me and I know their clubs would not approve," Fleming said.

"I'm not revealing any names but what has happened has shocked me."

Fleming said the other shock he has received is the money most of these players are demanding.

"They are talking in telephone numbers and must think that we have won Lotto," the coach said.

"I get the impression the players look at Wollongong as being ready to splash out big to build a new team.

"This isn't the case and my board have told me just what sort of money I have to play with."

A number of players out of favour with their present coaches obviously see the Wolves as a means of gaining a regular NSL spot in 1988 and making plenty of money at the same time.

Wolves' chairman Lawrie Kelly supported Fleming in saying no players are going to get rich at his club next season.

"We are back in the NSL and have to strengthen our squad but there is no chance of us splashing big money around," Kelly said.

"When we were last in the NSL we learned our

lesson the hard way; any club has to be competitive but you don't send yourself broke in the process.

"Competition among our players from this season is going to be very strong but they know there will be new players signing up very soon."

Fleming has visited the Australian Institute of Sport and there is a chance at least one player will sign from there.

The Wolves have a very short time to finalise their playing staff with the league to start on January 24.

MACEDONIA HAVE BALL OVER COACH

WOLLONGONG Macedonia have started a rebuilding programme by advertising their coaching job for next season.

The club narrowly missed relegation from the State Bank League this year and the committee is determined to consolidate their position next season.

They have advertised the coaching position in Wollongong and secretary Bob Kezovski said he is hoping for applicants from other areas.

"We know we have to get an experienced man

who can attract new players to the club; someone who will put more discipline in to our squad," Kezovski said.

"I have had a talk with this year's coach, Peter Willis, but he hasn't indicated to me if he will apply."

Willis replaced John Frew as coach in the middle stages of the season after Frew had been

sacked.

After playing most of the team's games, Willis injured a foot at work and wasn't available in the last four weeks.

Despite this he lifted the side from the sideline to pick up vital points to stay up.

Willis said he hadn't made up his mind if he was going to re-apply for the coaching job.

Just out of hospital after an operation on his injured foot, Willis said he isn't sure what he will do in 1988. "I am still a retained

player with Blacktown and they let me go on loan to Macedonia," he said.

"I enjoyed my coaching stint this year and gained a lot of satisfaction from helping the club stay up," he said.

"There are some good players in the present squad but I feel the club will have to go in to the transfer market if they want to be able to command a place in the middle of the table."

Macedonia will name their new coach at the club's annual ball on October 24.



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CANBERRA ALBURY WOMEN

DOWNER Olympic finally earned itself a trophy and a place in the ACTWSA winner's circle when it narrowly edged out Belconnen in the Interdistrict cup.

The competition, played over the weekend, saw top placed Canberra teams Belconnen and Downer Olympic battle it out with Albury's 1st and 2nd ranked Albury City and Wodonga Diamonds in some skilful and spectacular soccer.

Downer Olympic strikers Alex Focken and Angie Eean lead their team to victory against Wodonga Diamonds in the first game of the round with two powerful goals and strong support from midfield player Karen Avis. Diamonds eventually scoring with a goal to Shelley Chamberland to take the final result to 2-1.

Belconnen started slowly against Albury City in their game at Bruce Stadium with Bronwen Calver finally finding the net in a half dominated by near misses. Albury City turned on some sparkle in the second half with an equaliser to Rosemary Wilson drawing the teams to a penalty shoot-out after extra-time.

Good keeping from Belconnen's Cathy McCallum gave her team the edge, winning 4-2, with goals to Bronwen Calver, Susan Brennan, Katrina Alexander and Sarah Lonsdale.

Downer Olympic continued its good form into the second round and went into attack from the outset against Albury City and sealed their 1st half domination with goals to Alex Focken and Jo Bimfield. However, Albury City refused to give up and a goal to Angela Ianotta brought the game to a head, with only strong defence and excellent work by Olympic keeper Jodie Haines saving a 2-1 victory for Downer.

Belconnen needing a three goal difference to win the cup turned on the magic in the final game of the weekend against Wodonga Diamonds, only to find the net illusive. An early goal to Suzie McMurtrie put United on course, but a late 1st half goal by Diamonds' Ruth Cropper saw that lead squandered.

Belconnen's Bronwen Calver gave her team the edge for the match but not the cup to conclude an excellent weekend's competition.

CROATIA DEAKIN RIPS BELCONNEN TO SHREDS

THREE goals in five minutes during extra time shattered Belconnen United's Ampol Cup soccer dreams and sent the trophy to Croatia Deakin for the first time since 1979.

It was a game which belied its statistics. The records will show that Croatia won 4-1, yet for almost all of its 120-minute length it was a desperately close affair; two were sent off, yet for the most part it was played in good spirit.

Two players made the difference — for the second week running Bernie Lustica turned the game Croatia's way, this time coming on as substitute to score the 97th minute goal which put Croatia ahead for the first time.

It was laid on by his team's man-of-the match, Jim Harkins. "Jim broke loose with the ball on the left side," Lustica said afterwards. "He could probably have stuck it in himself but he passed it back to me and I put it away."

That, and a goal scored shortly afterwards, was the icing on the cake to a superb all-round performance by Harkins. The Croatia stopper hardly put a foot wrong — his ball distribution was perfect, his workrate awesome, his tackling tough and effective.

United goalkeeper Richard Tomaszewski provided some excitement early on when he misjudged the bounce of a lobbed ball from Dennis Glavinic and had to scramble to concede a corner, but it was a mistake at the other end which gave Belconnen the lead. John Walsh nipped into intercept a pass back from John Santolin and touched it past the stranded Frank Reising into the net.

And it was Walsh again as the Croatia defence struggled to regain composure, riding two tackles to shoot over the bar.

With two minutes to go before half time Zelic fired in a speculative shot from midfield. Tomaszewski failed to hold it and John Forova pounced on the loose ball for the equaliser.

Fumbles

It was a nervous match for goalkeepers and as the second half wore on Reising fumbled with Mick Searle lurking, but recovered himself in time.

BELCONNEN IS UNITED

CLAUDE Hammond was elected a life member of Belconnen United at the club's recent annual meeting. Hammond, a former United president, is currently president of the licensed club.

Officers elected were: President, Ken Carter; vice president, June Willett; secretary, Mike Black; treasurer, Ian Watkins; registrar, Alan Turnbull; chairman of supporters club, Michael France.

A minute later United's Lino Fiorese was sent off for a heavy tackle on Luka Ujdur, but headers over the bar from Forova and Harkins were the nearest Croatia came to taking advantage of playing against 10 men.

It was an advantage wiped out four minutes into extra time when Forova, who had earlier collected a yellow card, was on his way after bringing down Peter-John Di Michiel, but the decisive moments of the game had almost arrived.

Lustica scored, then Ujdur blasted the ball at Tomaszewski from close range and Tony Lemezina was on hand to stick away the rebound. Finally Harkins positioned himself perfectly to head home a Vic Trajanoski free kick.

From being balanced on a knife edge the match was Croatia's, and Lemezina should have made it 5-1 when he blazed over the bar from five metres with Tomaszewski helpless.

United battled to the last. Reising turned a Searle shot round the post, Colin Johnstone and Michael Wiseman both

saw chances come to nothing, then a shot from Matt Collins was deflected wide off Johnstone — it was just not going to be Belconnen's day.

"It thought we didn't put it together that well early on," Harkins said. "But they weren't scoring goals and we were soaking up the pressure. I knew our time would come."

And after eight years of Ampol Cup disappointments, no one at Croatia would argue with that.

In earlier games Belconnen United's youth teams had a clean sweep, beating Juventus 4-1 in the second division grand final and Croatia 1-0 in the first division. CCAE stopped the run, beating United 2-1 in reserve grade.

CROATIA DEAKIN: Reising, Z. Glavinic, Selgado, Santolin, Harkins, D. Glavinic (Lustica 78), Trajanoski, Ujdur, Lemezina, Zelic (Docherty 66), Forova (sent off 94).

BELCONNEN UNITED: Tomaszewski, Collins, Watkins, Di Michiel, Holcroft, Shaw (Johnstone 70), Ugrinic (Roberts 52), Fiorese (sent off 79), Wiseman, Searle, Walsh.

Referee: N. Murray. Attendance: 973.

INDOOR

Men's A: International 3 Euroblitz 2, Penetrators 4 69ers 2. **Men's B:** Boys from Europe 2 Majura 1, Comets 3 Hardrock Cafe 0, Worriers 6 Westpac Wallopers 2. **Men's C:** Red Devils 7 Easts 2, White Eagles 9 Francos 3, Ainslie Concrete Dribblers 4 Dickson Old Boys 1. **Mixed:** Aid Warriors 5 Police Seven Alistars 2, Brats 5 Rebels 0, Kahos 5 Warriors 2, Russell United 5 Napalm 0. **Under 16:** Blue Thunder 3 Socceroos 1, Belconnen 1 Blasters 1, Allrights 2 Strikers 0, Belnorth 3 Prostars 2. **Under 14 (Dickson):** Barbarians 4 Melmecs 0, Dominos 3 Daramalan 1 1, Boca Juniors 5 Daramalan 11 0. **Under 14 (Kambah):** Liverpool 6 Alistars 0, Socceroos 5 All Blacks 1, Alistars 3 Hot Shots 0, Bombers 5 Wizards 1, United 5 Eddies 2. **Under 12:** Naroma Homes 1 Arrows 0, Arthur Young 5 Cobras 3, Green Machine 2 Warriors 0, Arthur Young 5 Arrows 0. **Under 8 (Dickson):** Drummers 1 Jets 1. **Under 8 (Kambah):** Pandas 3 Tee Pees 0, Bombers 3 Cheaters 0, Magicians 6 Garfield 0, Aussies 2 Devils 1.

ACT

Ampol Cup final: Croatia Deakin 4 Belconnen United 1 (after extra time. Score after 90 minutes 1-1). **Reserve grade final:** CCAE 2 Belconnen United 1 (after extra time. Score after 90 minutes 1-1). **Youth division 1 final:** Belconnen United 1 Croatia Deakin 0.

Youth division 2 final: Belconnen United 4 Juventus 1. **Division 2 final:** ANU 1 Weston Creek 0. **Reserves division 2 final:** ADFA 2 Weston Creek 1. **Division 5 final:** Tuggeranong United 2 CCAE 1. **Division 4:** Belconnen United 2 Belnorth 1, RMC 5 North Canberra Jets 1, Tuggeranong United 9 ADFA 1, Hawks 2 Belwest 1, Shadows 5 Canberra City 1.

Division 6: Belconnen United 1 Belnorth 0, RMC 2 North Canberra Jets 2, Tuggeranong United 5 ANU 4, Italo-Australian 3 Condors 3, Weston Creek 3 Canberra City 0 (forfeit).



SEBASTIAN GIAMPAOLO tangles with another ACT star — ALAN REIS.

UNFAIR LOAD!

CANBERRA Griffins soccer players were "shocked and disgusted" and the way the NSW State Bank League was treating them, senior player and midfielder Billy Willox said.

Willox, speaking after his team had drawn 0-0 with Blacktown City in the league's preliminary final, said the league seemed to be singling out the Griffins for unfair treatment.

"We had to travel to Wollongong City for the major semi-final, then to Sydney for this match — now it has to be replayed and it's in Sydney again," he said.

"The bus got back at 12.45am this morning after the match and now we will have to lose a half-day's pay to travel down for Wednesday night.

"We didn't even know when we started the game that it would not be decided on the night. We thought it would go to penalties.

"The club's got to fork out money for yet another coach — the players lose pay. Do they think we're made of money down here?

"If the rules say the game has to be played at a neutral venue, why not one in Canberra like the Marco Polo Ground?"

(After that, by winning the replay 2-0, the Griffins earned themselves yet another trip to Sydney for Sunday's grand final against Wollongong City.)



Canberra Griffins striker RAY JUNNA on the ball.

KIWI INDOOR BOYS DOWN

NEW Zealand might have beaten Australia in soccer, rugby league, rugby union, netball, yachting and cricket in the last 12 months — but it has more than met its match in the ACT indoor soccer league (under-14 division).

At least that's how it seemed when the results came through showing the Socceroos beating the All Whites 5-1.

A crumb of comfort for the beleaguered Aussie sportspeople when Kiwi expatriates are telling the story about why Australians drink tea out of saucers (because all the 'Cups' are in New Zealand) for the 301st time.

DOWN THE CREEK

ANU's Steve Clarke, back in the team after a three-month lay-off through injury, got the goal that sent champion Weston Creek down to a shock 1-0 loss in the second division grand final.

There was no scare at the end of ordinary time and just when it looked like penalties might decide the title, Clarke popped up with the winner.

It was a bad day for the Creek which went down 2-1 to ADFA in the second division reserves grand final.

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No future for Perth in NSL

CUP FINAL ENDS ORDINARY SEASON

BY DAVID ANDREWS

THE 1987 season will come to an official end this weekend with the D'Orsogna Cup final.

And most of us will give a big sigh of relief.

From almost every point of view this year will go down as one that will be best forgotten.

That is apart from Bayswater Inter who won the night series back in March, Stirling Macedonia who won the League premiership and whoever wins the Cup this Sunday.

There will be those individuals who, in years to come will view 1987 with nostalgia and pride, such as Macedonia's John Hunter who won the goalscorers award and the players' "Player of the Year" award.

Hunter scored 19 goals, three more than his nearest rivals Mike Smith (Dalmatinac) and Ian Balentine (Perth Azzurri).

For that he picked up an impressive trophy and \$1000 from the Jeans West king Alistair Norwood.

The man who wins the Rothmans Gold Medal will also have cause to think of 1987 kindly.

Rejection

But generally it has

been a year of poor standard Soccer, bitter confrontation on more than one subject, and the folly of Soccer turning its back on State Government support that would have been \$10 million dollars injected into the code.

Crowds have been down substantially and more than one major club is believed to be struggling to pay its bills.

That they will eventually be paid there is no doubt.

But it demonstrates that not all is rosy in the garden, despite comments to the contrary.

To top it off in the past few weeks the public has been fed statements that there will be a Top Four Cup.

However, last weekend the Federation stated that it was definitely off.

Turmoil has led to all and sundry coming forward with plans for the re-vamping of the code in WA.

If nothing else the State Government Task Force into the game in WA has forced the code to look at itself.

The various plans unfortunately, smack of deperation, with vested interest once again the predominant emotion.

The plans for a combined Italian club made up

from Perth Azzurri, East Fremantle Tricolore, Bayswater Inter and second division Balcatta Etna is going ahead — but without the presence of Bayswater.

Bayswater pulled out at the final hurdle claiming that not enough work had been done on the proposal.

The vote for amalgamation within the three remaining clubs was heavily in favour of the plan — so insiders claim.

number of suggestions made to us here in the West that the League won't continue beyond 1989 — at least in its present form.

Its present form has the seeds of its own destruction built within it, with each club pandering to a narrow support base and getting narrower each year.

In reality there is nothing of great value in the competition for the future of the code in this country.



The folly of Soccer turning its back on support ... (of) \$10 million

The desire for the Italian combination to enter the National League burns fiercely, and the money is there to make it work initially.

But is it really worth entering the National League in its current format.

Grave Doubts

Attendance figures suggest the National League is staggering to its own crisis with a

Other sports are tapping the State-orientated emotions of the public and succeeding.

Any WA application should view the National League with care, and not get sucked into an expensive public relations exercise that will do little for them in the long term.

If the format of the national league changes to attract meaningful support

TASMANIA

BY WALTER PLESS

vaged something from the 1987 season when it beat Juventus-Pioneer 2-1 in the final of the Bohemian Restaurant Statewide Invitation Cup competition at KGV Soccer Park last Wednesday.

Juventus was favoured to make it three cups in all this season, but Eagles

minute, made it 2-0.

John Broadhouse stumbled and fumbled but forced the ball over the line to pull a goal back for Juventus just before the interval but despite Juventus's dominance in the second half, it was unable to notch an equalizer.

ner in the 103rd minute.

CROATIA'S best players were Chris Thomas, Daniel Maksimovic, Anthony Grundy and goalkeeper Jason Mahoney.

Cup Win

In Sunday's remaining match, the visiting New

OLYMPIC OUSTS ULVERSTONE

OLYMPIC-WPL won the Tasmanian State premiership 5-3 on aggregate after beating Ulverstone 3-1 in the second leg at KGV Soccer Park on Sunday.

The teams had drawn 2-2 at Ulverstone the previous weekend.

Ulverstone threw away a great chance to retain its State title by missing three excellent first-half chances.

Gorrie was the culprit on two occasions, once when he fired across an empty goalmouth after rounding the goalkeeper, while Thurley was at fault the third time.

Gorrie's precise pass had created the opening for him but he delayed his shot, enabling Michael Berwick to nip in and knock the ball back to goalkeeper Martin Burden.

A chain of errors by the Olympic defence led to Ulverstone taking the lead through Netherley on the half hour.

Smith and Gorrie managed to elude Sherman and Berwick and get the ball to Netherley on the left. He subsequently

shook off the attentions of Hey and scored with a cross-shot that nestled just inside the far post.

Ulverstone fell apart in the second half, however, and Olympic equalized in the 53rd minute. Anderson conceded a corner, Morton swung the ball over, and the unfortunate Anderson glanced the ball past his own keeper.

Morton made it 2-0 four minutes later. Nichols' precise long pass released Xanthopoulos down the right and he cut the ball back from the goal-line. Andrew fumbled, and Morton stabbed home from close-range.

Perry Forster killed the Northern champion off in the 75th minute. Xanthopoulos worked hard to control a high, bouncing ball on the edge of the penalty area and, just as he teed it up to shoot, Forster zoomed in and volleyed home.

Olympia was now in total control and only three timely saves by Ulverstone midfielder Andy Howe, with his goalkeeper beaten on each occasion, saved the visitor from complete embarrassment.

WHITE Eagles sal-



Ulverstone team line-up before the Tasmanian State League Championship 1st Leg game at their Knight's Road ground, Sept 19.

REAR, L to R: K. Howe (mgr), J. Compagne (coach), J. (Snow) Compagne, D. Mitchell, R. Andrews, M. Stocks, D. Anderson, N. Nethery, J. Compagne, K. Mitchell (A/coach). FRONT, L to R: M. Foote, T. Compagne, A. Howe, L. Thurley, A. Smith, J. Sallesse, W. Dougan.

turned in a tremendous performance to take out the silverware, with midfielder David Stoddart and striker Richard Leszczynski playing exceptionally well.

Scott Young's glancing header from Stoddart's cross after only ten minutes gave Eagles the lead, with Richard Leszczynski's powerful header following Neil Morrison's free-kick in the 27th

South Hobart prevented University from completing the Rothmans League Division One league and cup double by beating the Students 2-1 in the cup final last Wednesday.

Chris Green gave the Students an early lead, Rod Sanders took the game into extra-time with a goal in the 76th minute, and Clark gave South its first success in many a year by grabbing the win-

South Wales team, Macarthur District, beat the Tasmanian Under-16 representative side 2-0.

Nathan McDonald gave Macarthur a 1-0 lead at the interval, while S. Glover added the second goal in the second period.

MacArthur District will meet White Eagles Under-16 at KGV Soccer Park tonight (Wednesday) at 7pm.

ULVERSTONE EARNS DRAW

FROM JOHN TSCHEPPIERA

ULVERSTONE and Olympia fought out a drawn first leg of the Tasmanian State Championship at Knight's Road, Sept. 19 and thus provide a tremendous finale to the State League season at KGV, Hobart.

Ulverstone were forced to defend from the beginning against an Olympia side that stroked the ball around and pressed their opponents into their half of the field.

Some 27 minutes into the first half, a Ken Morton free kick from the right side into the penalty areas was glanced on by Barrell but Greenwood could not manage to turn it into the net.

Shortly after, keeper Burden kept Olympia in the game when he saved a Tom Compagne shot.

But Olympia, playing skilful and controlled Soccer, went ahead in the 34th min. when Bloomfield's shot deceived Andrews and ended up in the far corner of the net.

Mitchell and Howe spurred the Reds on from midfield and Ulverstone were rewarded with a direct free-kick on the edge of the penalty area. Anderson

held for the Cup final on Sunday which sees Macedonia clash with Athena.

Both have well balanced squads with high goalscoring potential and some of the high profile names in the game in this State.

In addition the Rothmans Gold Medal is being held on Friday night at the luxury Sheraton Hotel Golden Ballroom.

Then on Sunday the Ballroom will play host to a full champagne breakfast to be broadcast live on Radio 6NR as a prelude to the big game.

So there is plenty of media exposure in the week's offerings to promote the game.

The game itself has the potential to lift an average season and leave us all with a sweeter taste.

Macedonia look too strong for Athena, but Cup finals have a way of making a mockery of logic, and Athena have a good side capable of taking out the big one.



WA Emu State League action.

WOLLONGONG City and Canberra Griffins finished first and second in the premiership race for 1987 and also featured in the Grand Final last Sunday.

It would be appropriate then if the winner of the Rothmans medal for the best and fairest player is taken by a player from either side.

And I feel that it is not beyond the likes of Jeff Ainsworth of Wollongong City or Alan Reis and Tom Sermanni of Canberra to receive the coveted award.

Ainsworth, in the twilight of his career, has certainly excelled this season and was one of the best players in the Grand Final.

His behaviour, sportsmanship and above all fierce determination will certainly put him high on the list of referees' choice for the season.

Alan Reis had an outstanding season for the Griffins, topping the goalscoring charts with 19 in the League and two in the Cup. Fast and skilful, Reis has added an important dimension to the success of Canberra.



ALAN REIS (Canberra)

Sermanni, the man who pulled strings in midfield for the Griffins, is another player who for many years worked hard for his success. His impeccable manner and great distribution certainly showed a class player.

It is difficult to go past another player from down

south, Sebastian Giampaolo. He was stunning against the likes of Blacktown, Wollongong, Manly or Canterbury creating chances at will and scoring nine goals in the League.



TOM SERMANNI



BAS GIAMPAOLO

He is certainly one of the best players ever to grace the turf in the State League of NSW and this season was no exception.

WHO WILL WIN THE MEDAL?



Ean Rodrigues of Melita Eagles could surprise the lot and win the medal. He was the best off season buy for the Eagles and starred in most matches he played.

An injury which plagued him towards the end of the season could smother his chances but

the times he was the best player on the park could turn the counting to his advantage.

Brian Brown of Wollongong Macedonia, Billy Pilovski of Rockdale Ilinden also have their chances as will Clint Gosling of Melita and Steve Watson of Blacktown City.

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ding that he gained his clearance on the condition that he would be released by the club for Olympic Games matches.

"I must have Patikas here in Australia by March 1 for the four weeks as he will figure prominently in our attack," Arok said.

The Australian Soccer Federation will be cabling the Greek Football Federation (EPO) this week, and if need be, the president Sir Arthur George will be asked to immediately report the matter to FIFA.

AEK is launching a serious threat in the Greek Championship this season and has already spent \$A1 million on new signings.

They secured Denmark's ace central striker, Neilsen to partner Patikas in spearheading the attack.

SYDNEY CROATIA TO LEARN HOW TO WIN

BY JOHN DOYLE

SYDNEY Croatia should have been the top side in the National League. They are not. They got two points AT the weekend and already the oversimplifications start.

"The boys have got their confidence back, we will win everything now," is what they say.

Rubbish, this club and team must learn from the experience they just went through. There are things to be done if they seek permanent success.

Croatia's greatest need is a more fluid and flexible approach to the question of tactics. It is urgent that they add tactical awareness to their traditional strength of commitment and organisation.

A great player is flexible if he bends to new ideas and is not rigid in his old habits.

He is aware that attitude plays the biggest part in a player willing to develop new effective habits and skills.

Croatia have players who are excellent in the art of retention. They do not lose the ball easily when tackled, their screening and work on the ball is superior.

Croatia also has play-

ers who are prepared to run at defences with the ball. However it is the naiveness of their passing game that Croatia falls from greatness.

Croatia's passing in attack is ineffective. Do they know why? Are they aware? Something should be done, it requires flexibility or willingness to change.

It is not only players on the ball that bring success, it is also running and positioning off the ball that counts. They need better skills on how to create space for themselves and their colleagues.

Croatia's great front runners are hit too often with long through balls. Its tempting to do this because Slater, Arnold and company are so willing and capable that they almost get these half chances. This reinforces the desire to try it again and again. But it's Soccer played too simply and its futile.

The strikers must change, the game plan

must change, the player passing the ball must change.

They must become aware that the strikers first touch is to create space and time. It is to pull a defender out of position. This first run sets up the situation for the real killer run called the second run.

The striker must be prepared to have a second involvement in nearly every attacking play. It's called secondary football, it's not played in Australia, but Croatia need to be the pioneers. They have the talent to learn it.

Let's hope the players egos have matured enough to realise that change is necessary.



JIM PATIKAS

"AEK also bought another two strikers, Savdis from Cyprus and Vasiliakos from PAOK to sharpen our attack and chances for the Greek Championship," Patikas advised, adding that "the money over here is fabulous, but I am missing Australia very much."

"Although my contract with AEK ends next November with another three year option, I will be coming back home."

"This will be my third season in Greece and it doesn't matter what offers they make me for 1989, I have made up my mind to return."

"I miss Australia very much, although the football here in Greece has been great and I have learnt a lot under fulltime conditions."

During pre-season training in Greece, Patikas injured his ankle which kept him out of action for five weeks.



DALGLEISH ON JOB

THE post of coach of Australian under 16 team has been retained by Vic Dalgleish, who has looked after the team in China (1985) and Canada (1987).

Queensland Director of Coaching Bruce Stowell, who has worked with Dalgleish on both previous occasions, was amongst those who missed out.

The Australian Soccer Federation could no longer afford two coaches for the squad, hence the vote for one position.

GRAND FINAL FEVER

BB Sports Productions will present the XXXX Grand Final live on Radio 4EB this Sunday October 4 at 3pm.

Co-commentator will be the Queensland Director of Coaching — Bruce Stowell.

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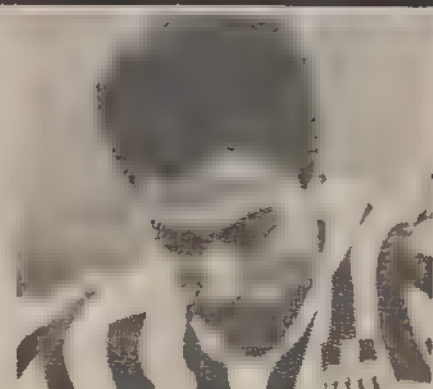
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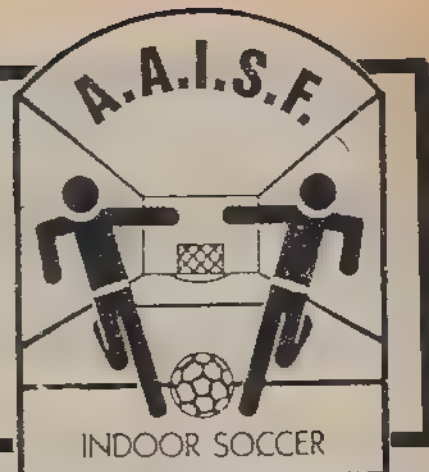
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AUSTRALIAN INDOOR PAGE



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The representations have been made directly to players, to the Press and in the QSF's official magazine "Go Soccer" (eg. the 3rd September 1987 edition).

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Virgilio Carvalho (Twisties) beats the Tornadoes' Gilles Tour.

- (a) Players considering taking part in organised indoor soccer competitions under the auspices of the AIS or FIFUSA will jeopardise their eligibility to play outdoors again next season.
- (b) FIFA has advised the Australian Soccer Federation not to register any player in-

FIFUSA has changed the venue for the Pan American Games for Venezuela to Sao Paulo. Brazil, Canada, the United States, Mexico, Venezuela, Peru, Paraguay, Brazil, Columbia and Argentina will participate.

All James Hardie NISL clubs will enter teams in a regionalised under 13 national competition set to kick off in October. It is part of a five year plan by the AISF to produce its own indoor players and, of course, improve the standard of the Australian game.

INDOOR REFS ORGANISE

THE Indoor referees movement is on the verge of forming its own association.

This follows the completion of a class three referees course staged at the Fairfield Leisure Centre under the direction of leading referee Tom Boyce.

COSMIC

THE Cosmic Raiders, proudly coached and managed by Alois Jamssek, were the undefeated champions of Australia earlier in the year. Those with intentions of beating should be warned that the Raiders are in fine form as evidenced by their 9-1 win last week with THREE hatricks from Kalev Finks, Gary Cumerford and skipper David Variella.

PARRAMATTA'S INCREASE

THE stork has been busy out Parramatta Spartans way ... In the past five weeks a daughter for both Peter Dameski and Tony Musemici, with Hector Martinez expecting happy news any day now.

INDOOR SOCCER

HIGHLY recommended by former Australian Soccer captain Johnny Warren.

Don't miss having a game at your local Indoor Soccer Centre.

And follow the exciting action in the James Hardie National Indoor Soccer League...

BRISBANE BOMBERS FOR QE II

THE Indoor game "is going berserk" in Brisbane according to Queensland development officer and Brisbane Bombers general manager Keith Sharrock.

"There has been an explosion in the numbers of male, female, young, old or whatever people wanting to ply competitive indoor soccer," says Sharrock who has his work cut out handling his

Bombers and development duties.

The first Queensland State League is to kick off in October with four grades and application to join the league can still be made through contacting Keith on 344-1530 or John Green on 282-4600.

On the Bombers front Sharrock is confident they can still make the top four despite a relatively slow start to the James Hardie NISL.

and Q State League for October

MULTI SPAN and PIN CONSTRUCTIONS are the major backers of the Bombers, who played their opening four games at Carrara on the Gold Coast as a promotional idea.

The Bombers now return to the splendid QEII Stadium at Chandler for the rest of the season.

Former Manchester

United junior Dave Melia, Richard Barnard "who has returned from his stint with the Australian team in the Pacific Cup with increased confidence" and Ian Wotherspoon, the former Canberra City Strikers player now living on the Gold Coast, are three players Sharrock is expecting big things from in 1987.

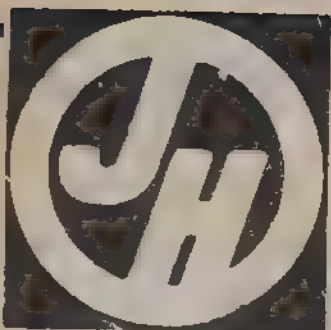


HARRY DARE, a keen indoor player with the Australian Aboriginal Indoor team, shows style and confidence. The team leaves for a Canadian tour shortly.



BUFFALO SPORTS





The James Hardie National Indoor Soccer League

FRANK COLETTA analyses the JHNISL ...

CANBERRA STRIKERS 6 (Tansey 3, Stewart 2 and Crawford) **BUNDABERG 4** (Trebbin 2, Giovannoni and Wilkinson).

IT all but happened! Bundaberg Canecutters all but recorded their first win in the JHNISL. Despite the fact that they were unable to take the two points they lost no friends in producing some gallant futsal to come from the brink of another hiding to go down just 6-4.

The Strikers led 5-1 at the break and another slaughter looked imminent, but the Cutters showed real heart and tenacity to nearly retrieve what was without question a hopeless position.

Chris Tansey was the man the Canberra boys had to thank as his hat-trick got them home.

Neil Trebbin has been Bundaberg's inspiration all the way and his two goals were so close to being invaluable.

Strikers: Hayes, Stewart, Tansey, Jadric, Crawford. Subs: Wilson, Tansey. Canecutters: Brett Burt, Trebbin, Giovannoni, Finger, Felesina.

BUFFALO Points: 2 Chris Tansey (CS) 2 Neil Trebbin (BC) 1 John Giovannoni (BC) 1 Billy Stewart (CS).

CANBERRA ROCKETS 10 (Titilas 3, Dukic 3, Gagetti 2, Novic and Maracic)

DABERG CANECUTTERS 4 (Felesina 2, Barone and Trebbin).

It was another credible performance by the Canecutters but they were just unable to reproduce the all-out effort of the night previous.

The real difference surfaced in match fitness, the Rockets' relentless charges forward took its toll on the Bundaberg boys who slowly tired and became easier prey.

Stan Dukic revelled in the going and quick strikes by himself and the other hat-trick hero in Angelo Titilas, four times inside three minutes absolutely destroyed the home side.

Curiously though Bundaberg

took the lead and some glory after four minutes and the home crowd sensed that a repeat and even more of the night before was to come. It was not to be however, the Rockets rocketted into action and shut the opposition out after Joe Gagetti levelled two minutes later.

Rockets: Moebus, Perinovic, Gagetti, Titilas, Dukic. Subs: Maracic and Vrkic.

Canecutters: Burt, Trebbin, Giovannoni, Wilkinson, Hillcox. Subs: Felesina, Barone and Hill.

BUFFALO Points: 3 Stan Dukic (CR) 2 Angelo Titilas (CR) 1 Neil Trebbin (BC).

SYDNEY TOYOTA TORNADOES 5 (Knight 3, Lambryk and Stuart).

LOTTO ALLSTARS 2 (Sutherland and Gilligan).

at Fairfield Leisure Centre.

IN a simmering match the Tornados had to wait until their sick captain-coach Steve Knight, known in some places as 'Mr Indoor Soccer' to come on in the second half and show why he has earned such a tag.

With his side struggling at the interval in a scoreless draw, Knight, who was not going to play as he was suffering severely from the flu, got changed and even had to borrow a pair of shoes from Manager Ben Pinchas to get on the field. He put himself on and slammed an incredible hat-trick!

The three goals came inside a hectic five minutes.

Also for the reigning champs, Gilles Tour and John Lembryk showed their wares. In fact the latter's goal was a gem. Anthony Cassar collected the ball wide on the right and sped it into his captain, who stood on the ball and allowed Lembryk to blast it from his foot into the goal.

The Allstars were far from disgraced however, they were twice in the lead and actually led through Lee Sutherland's goal in the 24th minute and were 2-1 ahead with just six minutes left but as they were still celebrating the Tornados showed their colours to level 15 seconds later and go on to take the match.

Tornados: Carlisle, Lembryk, Tour, Erkin Osman, Ormord. Subs: Knight, Stuart and Cassar.

Allstars: Thurlow, Skellern, White, Dolton, Stromquisz. Subs: Ross, Gilligan and Sutherland.

BUFFALO Points: 3 Steve Knight (ST) 2 John Lembryk (ST) 1 Gilles Tour (ST).

PARRAMATTA SPARTANS 5 (Speranza 2, Martinez 2 and Dimovski)

ILLAWARRA STINGERS 3 (Tupancheski and Skurteneski).

THE Parramatta Spartans kept up their winning ways with a narrow 5-3 victory over Illawarra at the Wollongong University.

Led in fine style by Hector Martinez and Frank Speranza the Parra boys were never headed after the latter struck in just over 90 seconds. He followed up with a goal after nine minutes after Martinez grabbed

his first seconds later.

It was 3-0 before the Stingers had caught their breaths and the home side, despite fighting back, could never really bounce back.

Spartans: Musumeci, Silva, Akkary, Speranza, Bortolin. Subs: Martinez, S. Duval, Spirovski and Dimovski.

Stingers: Sales, Bingham, Wunchen, Davies, Skurteneski. Subs: Tupancheski and Clocel.

BUFFALO Points: 2 Frank Speranza (PS) 2 Hilton Silva (PS) 1 Carlos Akkary (PS) 1 Anthony Musumeci (PS).

GEELONG CC's Cats 7 (Noggler 3, Perin, E. Radojevic, S. Radojevic and McAuliffe)

PERTH COUGARS 4 (Rold 2, B. Atanasovski and Brown)

at Corio Leisuretime Centre.

GEELONG CC's Cats recorded its first victory in the JHNISL when it overwhelmed the Perth Cougars by 7-4 at Corio.

The match kicked off in blistering heat with star strikers Robble Noggler of CC's and Zoran Atanasovski of Perth on the bench.

After ten minutes of rather cagey play, Michael Roki put the Cougars ahead with a shot through a crowd of players, which Lucky Inturrisi could only push into the net. Steve Radojevic took a quick free-kick for Geelong and when the ball was deflected to him, Eddie Radojevic brought the Cats level.

Thirty seconds later, his brother Steve broke through a tackle and whacked the ball in to give his side the lead.

Another minute produced two more goals, as Noggler broke on the left to count for Cats and Michael Roki converted a pass from Gavin Brown. Half-time saw the Cats up 3-2.

Three minutes into the second period, Steve Radojevic back-heeled a free-kick and Steve McAuliffe came up from the back with an unstoppable drive. Noggler and Steve Perin interchanged passes before Perin instinctively toe-poked the ball into the far corner. Perin then released Noggler for number six yet the Cats team could not be certain of victory. Perth hit the woodwork on several occasions and Zoran Atanasovski and Michael Roki both thought they had scored only to be foiled by Inturrisi's reflex saves.

Geelong: Inturrisi, Dimovski, McAuliffe, Perin, S. Radojevic. Subs: E. Radojevic, Noggler, Ujar.

Perth: Galtan, Brown, B. Atanasovski, Katinski, Roki. Subs: Z. Atanasovski and Kantor.

BUFFALO Points: 3 Eddie Radojevic (CC's) 2 Steve Radojevic (CC's) 1 Paul Terpko (PC).

THOMASTOWN Twisties Crushers 10 (Metaxas 5, F. Carvalho 4 and Ribelro).

PERTH COUGARS 9 (Z. Atanasovski 4, B. Atanasovski 2, Katinski 2 and Kantor).

THIS was a see-saw battle. The Twisties led 2-0 and then Perth made up the ground to level at two apiece.

Thomastown broke away to 5-2 but then the Perth side came back to level a 5-all just prior to the interval.

The second half saw the Twisties Crushers begin to run away with another couple of goals to John Metaxas and Fortunato Carvalho.

Perth's Cougars made a gallant fight of it and with but a minute left Zoran Atanasovski had his side 9-10 in arrears but time ran out on them.

Twisties: Speziale, Ferreira, F. Carvalho, Ribelro, V. Carvalho. Subs: Metaxas, Fuyto and Carafa.

Cougars: Loreto, Brown, B. Atanasovski, Z. Atanasovski, Katinski. Subs: Roki, Galtan, Kantor and Terpko.

BUFFALO Points: 3 John Metaxas (TTC) 2 Fortunato Carvalho (TTC) 1 Boris Atanasovski (PC).

BRISBANE BOMBERS 7 (Simpson 4, McLure 2 and Melville)

CANBERRA ROCKETS 4 (Dukic 3, Maracic)

at QEII Stadium.

The Bombers were always in control of the match, the Rockets could not settle into any type of pattern.

Brisbane tried a new combination of youth and experience and this seemed well balanced with nifty Nigel McClure having a great game in the middle of the park. Bradley Melville also looked good after his move alongside powerhouse defender Richie Barnard and Colin Simpson is starting to bang goals in.

BUFFALO Points: 3 Colin Simpson (BB) 2 Nigel McClure (BB) 1 Stan Dukic (CR).

CANBERRA STRIKERS 7 (Kanasidis 3, Stewart 2 and Jadric 2)

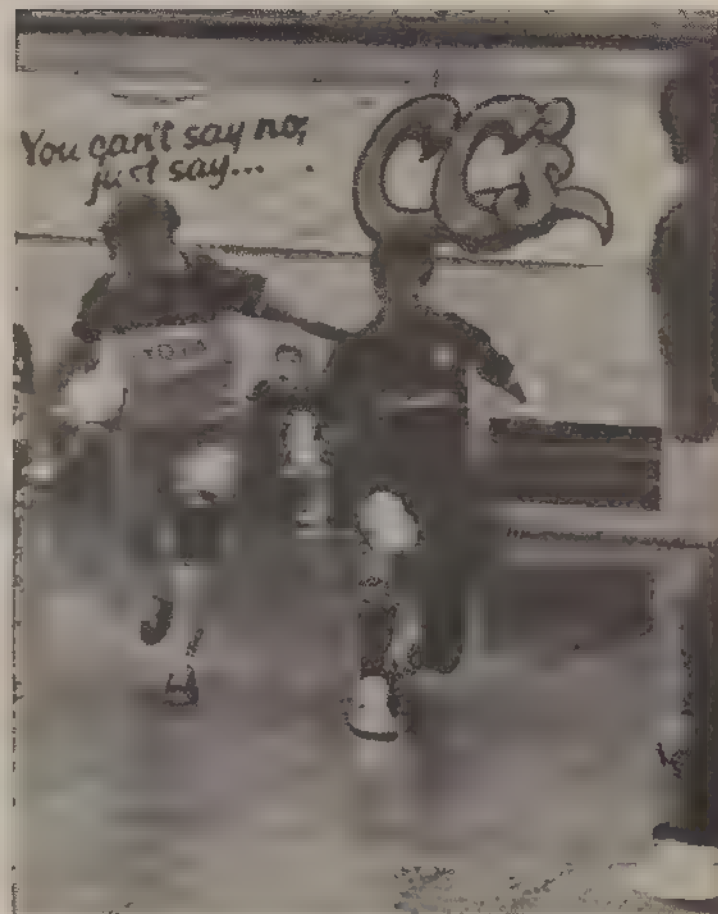
BRISBANE BOMBERS 3 (McClure 2 and Simpson)

at Carrara, Gold Coast.

The Brisbane Bombers' officials and players alike were convinced that this game against the Strikers was their worst performance of the season, they fell into the trap of trying to do too much on the ball and were subsequently caught time and again by the determined Strikers outfit.

Only Nigel McClure could really hold his head up whilst for Canberra, Jim Kanasidis and Chris Tansey led the way, the former grabbing another hat-trick.

BUFFALO Points: 3 Jim Kanasidis (CS) 2 Chris Tansey (CS) 1 Nigel McClure (BB).



JOHN LEMBRYK of the Tornados confronts Allstars' JOHN WHITE. Photo by Michael Sara.

The James Hardie Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
PARRAMATTA Spartans	9	8	0	1	69	33	16
GRIDLINE Eagles	8	7	1	0	74	32	15
SYDNEY Tornados	7	7	0	0	34	15	14
PERTH Cougars	7	3	1	3	54	44	7
CANBERRA Rockets	9	3	1	5	53	55	7
THOMASTOWN Twisties	6	3	0	3	33	35	6
CANBERRA Strikers	8	2	1	5	42	41	5
LOTTO Allstars	5	1	2	2	14	17	4
ILLAWARRA Stingers	7	2	0	5	31	34	4
GEELONG CC's Cats	6	1	2	3	27	34	4
BRISBANE Bombers	7	2	0	5	28	43	4
BUNDABERG C'cutters	7	0	0	7	18	92	0

This weeks results

Thomastown 10 Perth 9
Geelong CC's 7 Perth 4
Canberra Rockets 10 Bundaberg 4
Canberra Strikers 6 Bundaberg 4
Sydney Tornados 5 Lotto 2
Parra Spartans 5 Illawarra 3
Brisbane 7 Rockets 4
Strikers 7 Brisbane 3

BUFFALO TopScorers

The Sharpshooters

33 Radovan Filipovic (Eagles)
19 Stan Dukic (Rockets)
18 Zoran Atanasovski (Cougars)
17 Carlos Akkary (Spartans)
16 Zoran Blazic (Eagles)
16 Emil Maracic (Rockets)
13 Vince Nastoski (Eagles)
13 Peter Dameski (Spartans)
13 Robble Noggler (CC's)
12 Steve Knight (Tornados)
11 Billy Stewart (Strikers)
10 Fortunato Carvalho (Twisties)
10 Michael Roki (Cougars)

BUFFALO PLAYER OF THE YEAR

18 — Radovan Filipovic (Eagles)
11 — Stan Dukic (Rockets)
9 — Steve Knight (Tornados)
8 — Carlos Akkary (Spartans)
8 — Zoran Blazic (Eagles)
8 — Dragan Purkovic (Rockets)
7 — Sasha Spirovski (Spartans)
7 — Fortunato Carvalho (Twisties)

NEXT WEEKS GAMES: Saturday 3rd October

Perth v Bundaberg at Perry Lakes
Crushers v Brisbane at Thomastown Recreation
Spartans v Rockets at Fairfield Leisure Centre
Gridline v Strikers at Fairfield
Illawarra v Lotto at Wollongong Uni
Sunday 4th October

Geelong v Brisbane at Corio Leisuretime
Spartans v Strikers at Fairfield Leisure
Gridline v Rockets at Fairfield Leisure



KIM LEMBRYK (dark shirt) shields the ball from an Australian Under 19 player.

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SAAD HAT TRICK PUTS OLYMPIC THROUGH

By ALISTAIR RUSSELL

YET another performance of scintillating football from Olympic has booked the Greek-backed side their first ever Youth League Grand final.

Despite going behind early in the match Olympic bounced back and ran out 4-1 winners with Abbas Saad netting a brilliant hat trick and Marshall Soper adding the other.

Apia must now play St. George next weekend at Lambert Park in the final and the winner will meet Olympic the following week.

St. George downed Melita in the sudden death minor semi at Croatia Sports Centre 1-0 with a Scott Hughes goal in the 46th minute the difference between the two sides.

The Olympic-Apia game was a story of two halves. Up until the break the game was played at a furious pace with both sides displaying good football. The second 45 minutes lacked the flair and skill of the first as the searing heat took its toll.

The two halves also meant the difference for APIA. Up until half time they were well and truly in

the contest but in the second period Olympic took complete control and closed the game down.

Apia's hero from the match against St. George, Tony Pisano was on hand once again to give the Lambert Parkers the lead after 15 minutes when he caught the Olympic defence napping and sidefooted past Londos from close range.

Olympic were not behind for long and equalised five minutes later in brilliant fashion.

Nick Oustambasidis raced past a couple of defenders and crossed from the byline where Saad raced in to beat Greedy to the ball and flick it home.

Olympic took the lead after 31 minutes with one of the finest goals of the season. Building up from the halfway line, Oustambasidis, Pontidas and Soper linked up with Pontidas finally slipping the ball through for Soper to crack the ball home leaving Greedy no chance.

Tony Parison, although

giving 100% effort, was at fault for not converting three clear cut chances.



ABBAS SAAD

Olympic led 2-1 at the break but moved up a gear to take the game by the scruff of the neck in the second half.

Two minutes in and Olympic cemented their Grand Final spot when David Barrett's determination took him past two defenders and his near post cross was met once again by Saad who beat Greedy again at his near post.

Parison almost drew Apia back into the game in the 49th minute when he stole the ball from Briggs and set sail for the goal. However Barrett blocked his effort as he set himself to score.

Greedy again was called upon to save Apia in the 70th minute when he saved three point blank shots during a scramble in the Apia six yard box.

Saad continued to trouble the shocked Apia defence and in the 77th minute Saad sealed a fine hat trick with a dashing run that finished with a well placed shot wide of Greedy.

Two minutes into injury time Saad was brought down in the area but keeper Bill Londos missed the spotkick as Greedy chose the right way and saved well.

OLYMPIC: Londos, Barrett, Christ, Pletaniotis, Briggs, Oustambasidis (Bennett), Chilas, Pontidas, Saad, Genaris (Refenes), Soper.

APIA: Greedy, Radice, Bakirtsis, Papoythis, Ancora, Speranza (Hadden), Zervas (Neats), Brady, Koutounaris, Pisano, Parison.

MELITA'S fine run came to an end last Sunday as they went out of the semis losing 1-0 to St. George, conceding the only goal of the game in the 46th minute of the first half.

The Eagles have done themselves proud this year. By far the best State League side in the competition they also beat Croatia in last week's sudden death semi final.

Melita's luck ran out last Sunday as they hit the post and had a penalty disallowed at crucial stages of the game.

The game was fairly even for the first 45 minutes, with St. George taking the lead in injury time of the first half when Hughes followed through a free kick that Melita keeper Avellino could only parry and tapped in the rebound.

Melita were in command for most of the second period hitting the woodwork and with 15 minutes left having a penalty denied when Verisi was brought down on the edge of the area.

The difference between the two sides may have been the brilliance of George Bouhoutsos, who will be in Chile next week for the World Cup. It was Bouhoutsos who continually kept Melita at bay.

St. George probably needed a slice of luck after the unfortunate defeat against Apia last week. The Saints have their opportunity for revenge next week when they again meet Apia, this time the prize is a place in the Grand Final.

ST. GEORGE: Bouhoutsos, Harmat, Kotevski, Giezekamp, Lampropoulos, Kulcar, Hughes, Dimoudis, Ilic, Slavski, Caleta (Pavlovic).

MELITA: Avellino, Pidcock, Colro, Veral, Cabasal, Buchanan, Ashton, Barr, Rego, Pratt, Dickinsson (Gilbert).

FREE FOR ALL AT ST GEORGE

BY KEITH GILMOUR

WHEN it comes to doing things right, St George is always to the fore.

On Friday night they honoured their three players in the Australian Youth squad for Chile — George Kulcar, George Bouhoutsos and Craig Moffitt.

And they proceeded to place their top quality youth players on contract — Zoran Naumovski, Zoran Ilic, John Filan, Carmen Soulid, Paul Giezekamp, Robert Harmat, Bill Kotevski and Steve Dimoudis.

Most clubs would be lucky to develop two starlets in a year. St George reckon they have gone much further.

George Keith, the former Soccerroo right-back, was there to announce that Better Sports — Nike would sponsor the club's strips for years ahead.

And then they came with the promotion to end promotions — everyone gets in free when the Saints meet Heidelberg in the final game of the season on October 11.

Coach Frank Arok explained it this way: "We are up 35 per cent on our gates this year, so we can afford to honour our supporters."

"Especially as our sponsors Lemair (Austra-



Left to right: Zoran Ilic, Paul Giezenkamp, John Filan, Zoran Naumovski, Steve Dimoudis and Robert Harmat.

lia) and Ange Knitting Mills will cover costs, with Lemair celebrating the launching of their summer air conditioning promotion."

To up the gate receipts when almost everyone else's has bottomed is no mean feat.

St George's base support is amongst the three smallest in the National League, yet by the right promotions they usually manage to draw a sizeable crowd, and at times excellent ones.

That of course points to the reason for the free promotion.

Leaving aside the excellence of their management, St George must increase their home attendances to remain in top foot-

ball over coming years.

The fact that they have the nerve to hop in and promote to the ethnic groups and the people of the St George district generally indicates that once again the Saints mean business.

And it doesn't stop there.

Every year the club set themselves a realistic goal which will help them to improve the ground which they brought from nothing to be the best club stadium in Sydney.

So work is in hand to upgrade the floodlighting installation until it is well ahead of television requirements.

Completion date has been set for March.

Victoria (Hastie, 2, Ristevski, Seven) d Northern Territory 4-0.

Western Australia (Kastropil) d Tasmania 1-0.

Day 2:

Defenders Victoria continued to gather up the points in a skilful, evenly contested game.

The Vics went ahead 5 minutes before halftime after Gary Upton lobbed the SA keeper.

South Australia replied later in the game when Jarrod Thrun slid the ball past Robert Pucovski for the equaliser.

But in a nailbiting finish, Seven converted a penalty to give the Vics the win.

Queensland took to Tasmania from the beginning and had them reeling throughout the game.

Goals by Demetri Theochari, Nicholas Stathis, Mark Nosworthy, Edward Lees and Tony Delvechio gave the Maroons a goal-boosting win.

The Northern Territory held New South Wales at bay for most of the first half until Bradley Gambrill headed them into a half-time lead.

Gary Deprato and Musitano increased the lead after a hard-fought battle.

Northern New South Wales began their campaign for the trophy against a luckless Australian Capital Territory.

The goals came regularly, first from Lou Stojanovski, and others by Robert Pockett, Benny Tasevski and Rick Moncreif made it 6 to the ACT's lone reply through Tarkas Arvantis — a superbly flighted free kick.

NATIONAL UNDER 14 CHAMPIONSHIPS

BY JOHN TSCHIEPPEA

AUSTRALIA's best under-14 Soccer players kicked off the 1987 National Under-14 Championships at Devonport, Tasmania, this week.

The 9-day carnival was officially opened by the Mayor of Devonport, Ald. Geoff Squibb, and Mr Tony Rundle, M.H.A. Also at the opening were the President of the Tasmanian Soccer Federation, Mr Vic Tuting, the Secretary of the Tasmanian Soccer Federation, Mr Robin Pulford, and the Secretary/Manager of the carnival, and life member of the Devonport Soccer Club, Mr Gordon Rimmer.

Mr Rundle presented the organisers with a \$2,000 State Government donation towards the cost of running the championships.

The Advocate newspaper and Coca-Cola are also major sponsors.

The championships will have an added meaning for the players this year as, apart from team success, they will be striving for a place in a National Under-14 squad to be chosen by the Australian Under-16 coach, Vic Dalglish, as a preparation for the 1988 Oceania Games, and as a prelude to the World Under-16 Cup in Scotland in 1989.

Day 1:

Queensland led off the first Championship game at the Valley Road sports

complex and succeeded in overcoming a jittery South Australia thanks to a Phillip Lavery goal in the 11th minute.

New South Wales overcame early Australian Capital Territory enthusiasm to overrun them by 7 goals.

Matthew Dihm scored from the penalty spot and followed this shortly afterwards by a free kick only metres from the goal-line.

Michael Musitano, Jason Golby, Jeffrey Suzor and Adem Peric added others at regular intervals.

Victoria, the 1986 National Under-14 Champions, also opened their account in defence of the trophy when they overcame a determined Northern Territory.

Sony Seven beat Northern Territory keeper, Colin Ansell, five minutes into the game, and William Hastie and Lori Ristevski added the others.

Western Australia also opened their account against host state Tasmania with a narrow hard-fought victory.

The Tassie Devils fell behind to a Raymond Kastropil penalty in the 4th minute, then had Todd Mallinson sent off minutes later to add to their woes for the day.

Results (Day 1)

Queensland (Lavery) d South Australia 1-0.

New South Wales (Dihm, 2, Musitano, 2, Golby, Suzor, Peric) d Australian Capital Territory 7-0.

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BIG CANBERRA COACHING 'DO'

AMBITIOUS coaches at all levels have the chance of a lifetime to see the magnificent Australian Institute of Sport facilities over the weekend of October 23/24.

And in addition they will undergo rigorous coaching sessions conducted by AIS coach Ron Smith, ex-Socceroo Gary Cole and specialist goalkeeper Tony Franken of Sydney Croatia.

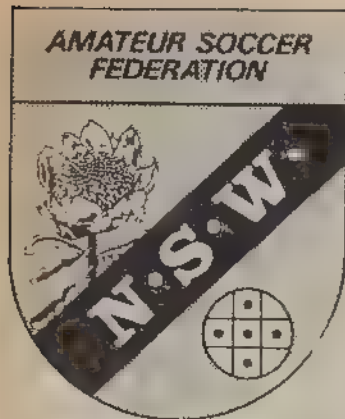
Two sessions will be in the hands of AIS sports psychologist John Crampton.

The cost of \$150 will cover full board and shared accommodation from Friday night to Sunday night for coaches from Sydney, and Friday night/Monday morning for coaches from Melbourne etc.

Just ring Ron Smith or Gary Cole on 062 521 315 or 521 312 or send names and addresses to AIS Soccer, PO Box 176, Belconnen ACT 2616. Cheques should be made payable to AIS SOCCER.

With budget cuts the number of Soccer students is due to drop from 18 to 16.

Ron Smith and Gary Cole are aiming to raise funds to retain 18 players. It's a worthy cause and groups of coaches sharing cars will keep the weekend as economical as possible.



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RUSHY'S CORNER

NSW UNDER 15

AROK TALKS TO JUNIORS

FRANK Arok provided an extra incentive for our State teams to strive for in this week's National Championships.

Frank was speaking at the NSWASF State teams presentation night held at the St George Budapest Soccer club.

He urged that players not be satisfied to consider themselves the best in Sydney or NSW, but to endeavour to work hard at their skills in order to become the best in the world, as only through many hours of hard work would Australia be able to recognise its dream of becoming world champions by the year 2000.

Guests at the dinner in-

cluded John Constantine, President NSWASF, Ian Holmes, Secretary NSWASF, Rodney Woods, Secretary National Junior Council, Frank Arok, National Coach, Vic Dalglish, National Under 16 coach as well as representatives of the association's licensees, Sporting-Supplies, Overseas Indent, and Umbro International and various sponsors and supporters.

Of course, the most important people at the dinner were the players and their parents.

It would certainly appear that Marconi and APIA have got their acts together.

This year APIA have won the club champion-

ship in the Youth League as well as their Under 14s winning the Grand Final. In addition the senior team has won the championship and the youth team is currently playing off for a grand final position.

Marconi also have had a tremendous year especially at junior level where the Under 9, 10 and 11 year old teams all won their respective Grand Finals and the U12 team were runners-up in the local Southern Districts junior competition.

The club finished second in the Youth League club championship, with under 13s and 15s being victorious grand finalists and the Under 16s were eliminated in the semi-finals.



Frank Arok



JASON MAMMONE
Club—Marconi



JOHN KAKAKIOS
Club—St George



EMENUAL REFFENES
Club—Sydney Olympic



BRADLEY MALONEY
Club—Blacktown City

NSW CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

U9: Granville 1 Sutherland 0, Nepean 4 Gladesville 1, Southern Dists 2 South & Eastern 0, Manly 5 pen Canterbury 3 pen.

U10: Granville 1 Blacktown 0, Nepean 4 pen Gladesville 3 pen, Canterbury 3 Manly 1, Southern Dists 1 South & Eastern 0.

U11: Sutherland 3 Granville 1, MacArthur 3 Gladesville 2, Canterbury 5 Manly 1, Bankstown 4 Ku-Ring-Gai 1.

U12: Blacktown 1 Central Coast 0, MacArthur 3 Gladesville 0, St. George 2 Manly 0.

U13: Blacktown 2 Granville 0, MacArthur 4 Gladesville 0, Manly 7

St. George 2, Southern Dists 5 Ku-Ring-Gai 3.

U14: Granville 4 pen Blacktown 2 pen, Nepean 2 Gladesville 1, Canterbury 2 Manly 0, Southern Dists 2 Illawarra 0.

U15: Blacktown 2 Central Coast 0, Gladesville 1 Nepean 0, Canterbury 2 Manly 0, Illawarra 6 Bankstown 0.

U16: Granville 3 Blacktown 0, Gladesville 7 Highlands 0, Manly 5 Canterbury 0, Southern Dists wof v Bankstown.

U17: Granville 2 Blacktown 1, Gladesville 4 Nepean 2, St. George 2 Manly 1, Illawarra 8 Southern Dists 0.

U18: Sutherland 3 Granville 0, Gladesville 6 Nepean 1, St. George 3 Manly 1, Southern Dists 4 Dubbo 3.

U21: Granville 4 pen Sutherland 1 pen, Gladesville 9 Nepean 0, Manly 4 Canterbury 1.

ALL AGE: Granville 2 Sutherland 1, Nepean 2 Gladesville 1, St. George 1 Manly 0, Ku-Ring-Gai 2 Bankstown 0.

WOMENS U17: Sutherland 1 Bankstown 0, Nepean 2 Blacktown 0.

WOMENS ALL AGE: Bankstown 6 Sutherland 0, Canterbury 5 pen Manly 4 pen.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

AT GRIFFITH U11:
R1: Southern NSW 2 Western NSW 0, Southern Dists 4 Riverina 0, Northern NSW 1 St. George 0. **R2:** Southern Dists 0 Southern NSW 0, Northern NSW 4 Western NSW 0, St. George 5 Riverina 1. **R3:** Riverina 2 Southern NSW 0, St. George 2 Western NSW 1, Northern NSW 1 Southern Dists 0. **R4:** Southern NSW 2 St. George 1, Southern Dists 2 Western NSW 1, Northern NSW 4 Riverina 1.

AT ULLADULLA U12:
R1: Southern NSW 1 Western NSW 0, Bankstown 2 Riverina 0, Northern NSW 3 Granville 0. **R2:** Bankstown 1 Southern NSW 0, Western NSW 1 Northern NSW 0, Granville 2 Riverina 0. **R3:** Southern NSW 3 Riverina 0, Granville 4 Western NSW 1, Northern NSW 3 Bankstown 1. **R4:** Granville 2 Southern NSW 0, Bankstown 1 Western NSW 0, Northern NSW 8 Riverina 1.

UNDER-13 DRAW

Venue—Stan Seacomb Park, Murwillumbah

SUNDAY 27.9.87

QLD	V	NT
VIC	V	NSW
WA	V	TAS
NNSW	V	SA

MONDAY 28.9.87

NSW	V	TAS
NT	V	WA
QLD	V	SA
VIC	V	NNSW

TUESDAY 29.9.87

NNSW	V	WA
QLD	V	NSW
VIC	V	TAS
NT	V	SA

WEDNESDAY 30.9.87

TAS	V	SA
NNSW	V	NT
QLD	V	VIC
WA	V	NSW

THURSDAY 1.10.87

NT	V	VIC
SA	V	WA
NSW	V	NNSW
QLD	V	TAS

FRIDAY 2.10.87

QLD	V	WA
TAS	V	NNSW
SA	V	VIC
NSW	V	NT

SATURDAY 3.10.87

SA	V	NSW
QLD	V	NNSW
TAS	V	NT
WA	V	VIC

UNDER-14 DRAW

Venue—Valley Road Centre, Devonport, Tasmania

SATURDAY 26.9.87

NSW	V	ACT
QLD	V	SA
VIC	V	NT
TAS	V	WA
NNSW	V	BYE

SUNDAY 27.9.87

VIC	V	SA
NT	V	NSW
TAS	V	QLD
NNSW	V	ACT
WA	V	BYE

MONDAY 28.9.87

WA	V	QLD
TAS	V	VIC
NSW	V	SA
NNSW	V	NT
ACT	V	BYE

TUESDAY 29.9.87

TAS	V	NNSW
WA	V	NSW
ACT	V	SA
QLD	V	VIC
NT	V	BYE

WEDNESDAY 30.9.87

WA	V	VIC
TAS	V	NSW
NNSW	V	SA
ACT	V	NT
QLD	V	BYE

THURSDAY 1.10.87

NT	V	SA
ACT	V	TAS
NNSW	V	WA
NSW	V	QLD
VIC	V	BYE

FRIDAY 2.10.87

QLD	V	ACT
VIC	V	NNSW
WA	V	NT
TAS	V	SA
NSW	V	BYE

SATURDAY 3.10.87

TAS	V	NT
WA	V	ACT
QLD	V	NNSW
VIC	V	NSW
SA	V	BYE

SUNDAY 4.10.87

NSW	V	NNSW
ACT	V	VIC
QLD	V	NT
WA	V	SA
TAS	V	BYE

UNDER-15 DRAW

Venue—Dorian Garden Park, Perth, Western Australia

SUNDAY 27.9.87

VIC	V	NSW
NNSW	V	QLD
WA	V	ACT
NT	V	SA

MONDAY 28.9.87

QLD	V	ACT
NSW	V	WA
VIC	V	SA
NNSW	V	NT

TUESDAY 29.9.87

NT	V	WA
VIC	V	QLD
NNSW	V	ACT
NSW	V	SA

WEDNESDAY 30.9.87

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SATURDAY 3.10.87

SA	V	QLD
VIC	V	NT
ACT	V	NSW
WA	V	NNSW

RUSHY'S FUTURE STAR

NAME: Eric Hirst.

BIRTHDATE: 23.6.70

HOME: Marrickville.

PRESENT CLUB: Sydney Olympic.

PRESENT COACHES: Alan Vest, Frank Campbell, Stan Gabriel.

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Marrickville Red Devils, Canterbury Reps, Sydney Olympic.

PREVIOUS COACHES: Chris Hirst, Greg Ankudinoff, Geoff Harcombe, Eddie Carey, George Barboutis.

FAVOURITE POSITION: Central midfield.

POSITIONS PLAYED: Right Back, Stopper, Sweeper, Midfield.

REP HONOURS: Canterbury Reps, NSW State U16, U18.

FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Marco Van Basten, Ekljer, Beardsley.

MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT: 1984 Grand Final vs Illawarra.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not being eligible for Australian U16.

OTHER SPORTS: Golf, fishing, basketball, indoor soccer, swimming, snooker.

1987 AIMS: To win Australian National Championships and Youth League Championship.

LONG TERM AMBITIONS: To make it as a regular NSL player at Olympic and to make the Australian youth squad.

GREATEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Parents and Greg Ankudinoff.

ALAN VEST'S OPINION: Eric has the skill and confidence to go to the top.

EXTRA NATIONAL & NSW JUNIOR RESULTS — See Details

VIC JUNIORS

UNDER 11

CENTRAL A

Caulfield City A	15	14	0	1	88	10	28
East Richmond	16	12	0	4	44	18	24
Malvern City	15	10	1	4	44	21	31
Brighton	15	9	3	3	43	22	21
Oakleigh	15	7	0	8	38	46	14
Clayton	15	5	3	7	49	40	24
Footscray	15	4	0	11	56	4	8
Melbourne	15	1	2	12	14	86	4
Kew Eagles	15	1	1	13	16	80	3

CENTRAL B

Skyle Rovers B	12	12	0	0	53	3	24
Beaumaris	11	7	1	3	24	15	15
East Bentleigh	12	5	2	5	34	22	12
Mordialloc	9	4	1	4	12	15	9
Clifton Hill	8	3	1	4	15	23	7
Maccabi	10	2	0	8	4	38	4
Sandringham	10	0	1	9	35	1	1

NORTHERN A

Preston A	17	15	1	1	75	10	31
B.U. Juventus	17	13	2	4	17	13	28
H'berg Utd A	18	11	3	4	43	18	25
Nth Reservoir	18	10	3	5	46	21	23
Fawkner	18	7	5	6	39	41	19
Melb Croatia	18	5	4	9	22	33	14
Lalor United	17	4	4	9	17	32	12
Northcote City A	17	3	4	10	16	41	10
Essendon City	17	2	3	12	14	85	7
Broadmeadows	17	1	3	13	9	54	5

NORTHERN B

Lalor	15	14	1	0	73	9	29
Regent	17	12	4	1	93	14	28
Preston B	16	10	3	6	24	23	21
Rosanna	16	10	1	5	60	30	21
Moreland Mtds.	15	4	2	9	11	45	10
H'berg Utd B	16	4	2	10	17	57	10
S.S.G.X.	15	4	0	11	17	51	8
Keon Park	13	2	1	10	18	58	5
Northcote City B	14	2	0	11	8	67	5

PENINSULA

Seaford	18	15	1	2	97	14	31
Langwarrin	18	14	2	7	13	40	30
Peninsula	18	12	4	8	20	30	26
Cheltenham	18	13	0	5	63	23	26
Cranebourne	16	9	1	6	47	29	19
Baxter	16	8	1	9	27	49	17
Hampton Park	18	6	1	11	35	80	13
Skyle Rovers A	18	2	1	15	77	5	5
Benwick City	17	2	1	14	15	77	5
Sh Springvale	17	2	0	15	12	82	4

WESTERN A

Green Gully	18	14	3	1	88	16	31
Sunshine Hgts.	17	14	2	1	81	30	30
East Altona	17	13	1	3	71	17	27
Nth Geelong	17	10	0	7	50	40	20
Altona City	17	9	1	7	43	25	19
St Albans	17	8	1	8	56	35	17
Albion	18	7	0	11	44	38	14
Mossfield	17	3	0	14	9	62	6
Maribyrnong Utd	17	3	0	14	17	78	6
Yarraville	17	1	0	16	8	148	2

WESTERN B

Altona Gate	17	14	3	0	60	11	31
Melton	17	9	5	3	64	18	23
Nth Sunshine	13	9	2	4	20	12	20
Wentworth	16	8	3	5	28	25	19
Sunbury	15	5	5	5	19	25	15
East Geelong	17	5	5	7	22	35	15
West United	16	5	2	9	27	36	12
Western Suburbs	17	3	3	11	20	47	8
Sydenham Park	15	3	2	10	25	46	8
Highpoint	17	2	4	11	19	80	8

EASTERN A

Karingal	20	17	2	1	85	15	36
Milchem	19	17	1	1	73	19	35
Lyndale A	21	16	2	3	89	24	34
Doncaster Rvs A	21	13	3	5	63	18	29
Springvale City	19	10	1	8	59	28	21
Waverley City A	20	9	2	8	39	29	21
Glen Waverley	21	10	1	10	89	20	20
Forest Hill	19	6	2	11	28	48	14
Bulleen	21	4	5	12	29	64	13
Nunawading City	21	5	2	14	46	77	12
Knox City	20	2	2	16	9	101	8
Eltham	20	0	1	19	6	83	1

EASTERN B

Clarendon	15	15	0	0	108	3	30
Croydon City	17	14	0	3	98	12	26
Lyndale B	17	13	2	4	60	18	28
Mulgrave	15	9	2	4	64	25	20
Moorabark	17	8	4	5	52	27	20
Waverley City B	16	4	3	9	11	51	11
Ringwood City	15	3	1	10	16	36	8
D'cater Rvs B	16	3	1	13	12	84	7
Belgrave Sth	14	1	1	12	12	81	3
Box Hill	15	1	0	13	4	101	3

UNDER 12

AS AT SEPT 13

CENTRAL A

Peninsula	17	14	3	0	50	18	31
Sh Springvale	17	12	3	2	51	9	27
Caulfield City	17	11	4	2	43	24	26
Beaumaris	16	9	1	6	49	29	18
Oakleigh	17	7	3	7	43	40	17
Skyle Rovers	18	6	4	8	26	40	18
Kew Eagles	16	5	2	9	14	22	12
East B. Leigh A	16	3	2	11	29	51	8
Berwick City	17	4	0	13	29	54	8
Nth Dandenong	16	2	0	15	16	65	4

CENTRAL B

Sp'vale Utd	16	13	2	1	86	17	28
Seaford	16	11	3	2	72	15	25
Langwarrin	15	10	3	2	71	14	23
Mornington	16	8	2	6	39	28	16
Hastings A	16	6	5	7	20	17	17
Baxter	15	3	3	9	26	47	9
Rosebud	14	3	3	8	22	44	9
Cranebourne	15	2	2	11	26	53	6
Hastings B	15	1	1	13	11	158	3

EASTERN A

Sp'vale City A	17	15	1	1	59	17	31
Forest Hill	18	12	4	2	43	17	28
Milchem	18	13	1	4	52	16	27
Knox City	17	10	3	4	48	22	23
Bulleen	17	7	5	5	30	33	19
Fernree Gully	17	4	5	8	21	37	13
D'cater Rvs A	18	6	1	11	22	41	13
Waverley Utd	16	4	1	11	24	39	9
Karingal	16	5	0	13	11	46	5
Croydon City	16	1	2	13	13	55	4

EASTERN B

Waverley City	18	14	1	3	48	20	29
Nunawading City	17	12	2	3	42	17	26
Clarendon	17	12	0	5	63	31	24
Clayton	18	8	3	7	35	40	19
Moorabark	18	7	2	9	30	29	16
Malvern City	17	6	3	8	32	35	15
Parkmore	17	4	5	8	23	28	13
Belgrave Sth	17	4	5	8	22	30	18
Mulgrave	18	3	4	11	16	38	10
Melbourne	17	2	5	10	29	63	9

EASTERN C

Dingley	16	15	0	1	118	14	30
Sh Springvale	16	11	2	3	54	31	24
Glen Waverley	18	10	2	4	53	18	22
Boronia	15	8	2	5	58	30	18
Box Hill	15	8	2	5	48	31	18
Sp'vale City B	14	3	2	9	14	40	8
East B. Leigh B	15	2	1	12	20	62	6
Monbulk	18	2	2	12	10	66	6
Doncaster Rvs B	15	2	2	11	9	85	6

NTH WEST A

S'shine Heights	17	12	4	1	51	12	28
Preston A	18	12	1	5	35	13	25
North Geelong	17	10	5	2	34	12	25
Lalor	17	10	2	5	34	17	22

B.U. Juventus

St Albans	17	8	6	3	21	10	22
Altona City	17	6	3	8	21	28	15
Green Gully A	17	4	4	9	11	21	12
Nth Reservoir	17	3	1	13	19	51	7
Broadmeadows	17	2	0	15	3	56	2

NTH WEST B

Heidelberg Utd	17	12	4	1	40	13	28
Moreland Mtds.	18	12	3	3	39	13	27
Regent	17	9	3	5	41	19	21
Essendon City	17	8	4	5	21	20	20
Yarraville	17	8	4	5	34	22	20
Maribyrnong Utd	17	6	4	7	23	17	16
Melb Croatia	18	7	2	9	31	37	16
Kailor	18	6	1	11	28	35	13
Lalor	18	5	10	19	45	11	11
Keon Park	17	2	0	15	6	88	2

NTH WEST C

Fawkner	18	16	2	0	80	8	34
Northcote City	16	12	3	1	65	14	27
Thornhill	18	9	7	2	42	18	25
Rosanna	17	7	4	6	43	18	18
S'shine Park	18	7	2	9	42	16	16
Clifton Hill	16	6	2	8	25	39	14
St Marks	17	5	4	8	19	46	14
Western Suburbs	17	5	3	9	26	44	13
Preston B	18	3	3	12	21	44	9
Footscray	17	1	0	16	11	67	2

NTH WEST D

Brunswick City	17	16	1	0	76	12	33
S.S.G.X.	17	14	2	1	90	11	30
Eltham	15	10	1	4	50	20	21
Northcote City	17	8	2	7	32	27	18
Lalor United B	10	5	1	4	20	19	11
Sydenham Park	16	5	1	10	26	40	11
West Utd	15	5	1	9	18	32	11
Green Gully B	15	3	3	9	48	9	9
Thornhill	16	2	2	12	15	69	6
Meadow Park	16	1	2	13	6	64	4

UNDER 13

Caulfield City	16	10	4	2	43	21	24
Box Hill A	16	11	1	4	40	16	23
Clarendon	14	9	1	4	34	19	29
Oakleigh	16	8	2	6	37	33	18
Moorabark	15	8	1	6	34	18	17
Sp'vale City Red	16	8	2	8	18	27	14
East Richmond	16	5	2	9	29	42	12
Hawthorn	12	3	1	8	17	46	7</

ADELAIDE HELLAS TO THE FORE

ADELAIDE Hellas are bracing themselves for tonight's West End Premier Cup final against Polonia as they aim for the SA treble.

On paper it should be a walkover for the Rothmans League and Coca Cola Cup champions.

Polonia was the eighth and last team to qualify for the Premier Cup, and had to go into penalties following extra time to beat League runners-up Salisbury in the semi-finals.

Hellas beat Croatia 2-1 and while the score line was not impressive the performance from the champions was.

Only the woodwork and poor finishing by Hellas prevented Croatia going down by 4-1 or more.

Hellas is warming up for the West End National League play-off with Brisbane Lions and it will be interesting to see if coach Peter Jaksa fields the first XI he will use against the Queenslanders.

He is already minus Youth Soccerroo Lou Hristodoulou as he has left with the National team for the World Youth Cup.

Jaksa has a fully fit squad with a 'flu virus vanquished and no players suspended.

For Polonia, it is a night when they have nothing to lose and all the glory to gain.

And also there is the chance that outstanding performances by some of their players could earn them a place in the National League team.

If Hellas qualifies they will be looking for players, and Adelaide City has already made it clear they must get more players for depth and to furnish their reserve side which will be in the SA First Division next year.

One man certain to be a target for the NSL is Polonia super striker Steve Witwicki.

Then there is David Doorne, the rugged midfielder who won this year's Rothmans Medal.

But the drawback for him is that he had a stint with Hellas four years ago, although he is looking as good as he did then and would be worth another run on the National scene.

Then there is David Hartley, a Youth Soccerroo

fringe player and under 16 Youth Soccerroo John Christopoulos.

And the pressure is also on the Hellas players who must prove they are worthy of a place in the National League lineup.

On current performances, Hellas sees Scottish import Albert Kidd and fellow Scot Graham Honeyman as dominating the midfield, and they are expected to be joined by Steve Atsalas who was suspended for the semi-finals.

It is here that Polonia's Doorn could make his mark.

However Jaksa may field Honeyman as a sweeper and have big Chris Manou back in midfield, although the giant looked good recently when he was fielded in the heart of the defence.

Jaksa has to choose between John Panagis and Steve Papadopoulos as one of the fullbacks now that the squad is back to full strength.

However both can play

in midfield and Papadopoulos is also a front-runner.

Gary Price has been firing up front along with George Konstamopoulos.

Jaksa has the luxury of depth, even without Rastodoulou.

With all due respect to Polonia, this looks like another Adelaide Hellas title.

But it must be admitted that if any upset is to come Polonia is the team to do it as it proved in the semi-final. They are worth a bet in the final.

CANLEY HTS COBRAS U/14 STATE CUP

THE squad from Canley Heights Soccer Club won the U/14 NSWASF State Cup in a quick and hard fought match, beating Liverpool Albion 1-0.

The only goal came midway through the second half when John Polimeni caught the Albion defence napping and did not give the keeper a chance with a well placed shot.

The match displayed the individual brilliance of the players, and their determination to make every post a winner.

On their way to the final Canley Heights recorded the following wins vs Beverley Hills 2-1, vs Beverley Hills 7-0, vs Kirrawee 3-1, vs Hurlstone Park 2-1, vs Southern Tablelands 3-0.



The Toyota Media Cup MK II was run and won over the weekend by the Print boys 1-0 over the Electronic Selection. From L to R: Back Row, Print Team: Ben Pinchas (Team Manager), Humberto Pozo (Spanish Herald), Spiro Kokkenes (Foreign Language Publications), Frank Coletta (Aust. Soccer Weekly), Paul Ayres (Australian) and Ian Cockerill (Northern Herald). Front Row: Electronic: Clayton Gibson (2SM), David Garth (SBS), Bill Psaroudis (Tornadoes-2UE), Tim Jardine (SBS) and Ken Cavanagh (2Day FM). Both sides have taken a game each now and the Trophy will be up for grabs again in the near future.

APIA IN LINE FOR RECORD POINTS SCORE

By JOHN ECONOMOS

APIA-LEICHHARDT, with only two rounds of the West End National League left to play, could take out the championship by a massive seven points.

This Sunday Apia play their last home match against Sydney Croatia at Lambert Park.

After their bye last Sunday they will be fully rested and ready to secure more points.

In the last round Apia travels to Melbourne for their clash with Brunswick Juventus.

Midfielders Alex Bundalo and Burim Zajmi are again in doubt due to injuries.

Bundalo has been plagued in recent weeks by a hip injury and Zajmi has to undergo a knee operation for an injury suffered five weeks ago against Sydney Olympic.

Apia's skipper and centre-back Arno Bertogna, possibly playing the best football of his career, said: "Our loss three

weeks ago to Preston was our first of the season and hopefully it was also our last."

Sydney Croatia, heartened by getting back on the winning list last Sunday with their splendid 2-0 win over Heidelberg, will be out to steal league points from Apia to solidify their position in the top five.

Sydney Croatia have 24 league points, just one ahead of challenging Melbourne Croatia, their sister club.

After Sunday, Sydney Croatia play their final match at home against fourth placed Marconi.

Sunday's match will be the last opportunity for Apia fans to watch their 1987 NSL champions play at Lambert Park and the club's dynamic football president, Mr Joe Prestia, expects a huge roll up.

Mr Prestia told ASW last night: "I have been very happy with the efforts from all the lads in the squad."

"We are holding a big football function at the club at the end of next month to celebrate our league victory."

BETTER DEAL

ADELAIDE City and Adelaide Hellas (if they make the NSL) may get a better deal for their players who are booked or suspended in the SA First Division.

As things stand this season, an NSL player suspended for an offence in the local league cannot play again in the NSL until he serves his suspension in the competition in which he was suspended.

The result has been players serving two games instead of one.

"It's a grey area which must be looked at," said ASF executive director, Mr Brian Emery, when asked for his views on the set-up.

WENTY OUT

PUTNEY Town fared better in the Reserve Final, taking out the Cup by 2-0 against the non-league team Wenty Waratahs.

Wenty Waratahs put up a great effort to get to the final but the odds were against them coming up against Putney in the final.

The first half was scoreless, with both teams having many chances but with Putney having more of the play. In the second half the more experienced Putney players pressured the Wenty defence constantly, finally breaking through with a well-taken goal from Joanne Capper.

Wenty, who were relying too much on the long ball which was easily handled by the Putney defence, did get a chance to even up the game, being awarded a penalty.

The goal keeper was equal to the task and made a good save. The game was finally sealed for Putney with their second goal coming from Lisa Hammond. It was a well-deserved win for the Putney team.

U15 FINAL

THE U/15 final saw a very entertaining game with two very good teams in Smithfield Black and North Rocks.

The game was neck and neck up to the later stages when Smithfield Black got two quick goals against North Rocks.

Both the girls and the crowd thoroughly enjoyed the game.

WSL PLATE FINAL

TWO very evenly matched teams fought out the final with only a one goal margin separating them, Gladesville Rovers running out winners over Revesby workers.

CENTRAL COAST GAMES

THREE WSL selection teams (A/A, U/18, U/15) will compete in friendly matches against the respective Central Coast teams on Sunday 20/9/87 at Fagans Park, Gosford. It will be a good lead up for the Central Coast teams for the October long weekend tournament held each year in their district.

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McGRATH STAYS

Republic of Ireland boss JACK CHARLTON will continue to use PAUL McGRATH in a midfield role in spite of criticism of the Manchester United man's performances for his country.

Charlton, who has been confirmed as Eire manager for the next World Cup campaign, says: "Paul is a brilliant centre-half, but I have a number of top class defenders available to me and Paul is adaptable enough to play further forward."

Paolo Rossi snubbed . . .

A CHAMPION ON OUTER

Paolo Rossi, the former Italian hero, could be forced into retirement at the age of 31.

Centre-forward Rossi's goals launched Italy to their 1982 World Cup triumph, but since then he has been dogged by knee injuries and has not had his contract renewed by Verona.

A couple of Greek and Turkish clubs have shown interest also but the man known as 'Pablito', who went to three World Cups with the Azzurri and was a star in two of them, is not keen on leaving Italy.

ASTON Villa boss GRAHAM TAYLOR is carefully monitoring the NIGEL CALLAGHAN situation at Derby.

Rams boss ARTHUR COX has rejected the 25-year-old winger's transfer request and insists Callaghan must stay at the Baseball Ground.

But Taylor, Callaghan's former boss at Watford, is looking for a replacement for the unsettled MARK WALTERS and will be quick to move should Derby change their minds.

He won't wait forever, however, and has already taken a look at Aberdeen's PETER WEIR.

IT hasn't taken Newcastle's PAUL GASCOIGNE too long to get into the swing of things since taking up angling.

Reports his St. James' Park skipper GLENN ROEDER: "Whenever Paul comes fishing with me he never catches a thing. But whenever I'm not there he tells me he catches real whoppers."

• After losing his place in the Monaco team to English recruit Mark Hateley, French international striker Bruno Bellone has moved to Cannes.

• Internazionale Milan's close season signing of Belgian international Enzo Scifo has resulted in brilliant, but injury prone West German striker Karl Heinz Rummenigge leaving for Swiss first division club Servette Geneva. The transfer fee was not disclosed.

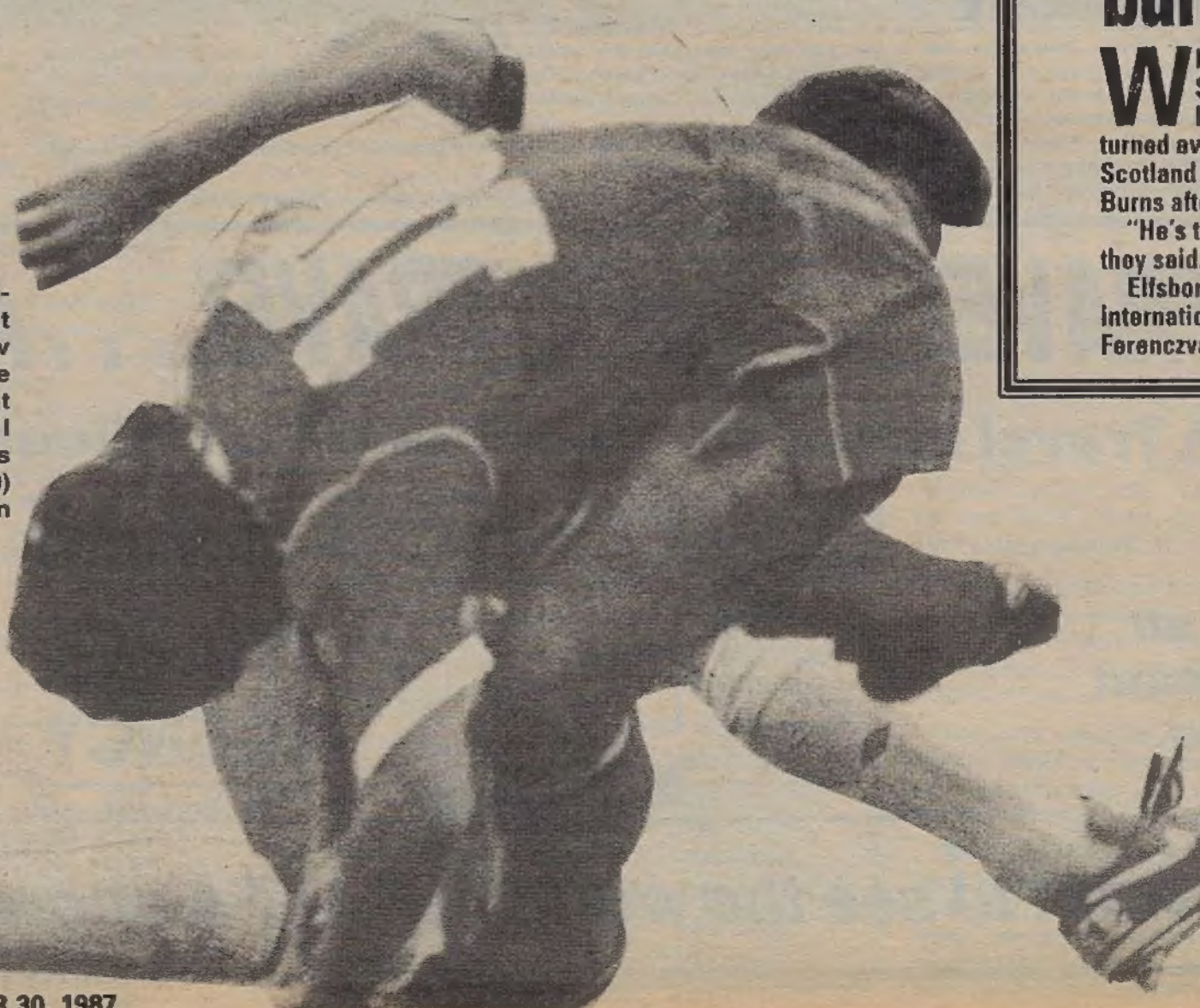
• Beerschot's Bulgarian international defender Andre Jeliakov has been suspended until late next year by the Belgian federation for hitting a player and spitting at the referee who sent him off.



On outer — PAOLO ROSSI



Action ... or something to that effect from the World XI v English League Centenary match at Wembley. Michel Platini (left) watches Diego Maradona (10) and Bryan Robson get tangled.



Thorsvedt for Arsenal

Arsenal boss George Graham has switched his sights to the Continent in search of a goalkeeper.

After failing to land David Seaman from QPR he sent a scout to watch Erik Thorsvedt keep a clean sheet for Norway in a recent international against Sweden.

And now he is weighing up the possibility of making a bid for the 24-year-old goalkeeper who also interested rivals Tottenham.

Thorsvedt would come relatively cheaply -- he cannot gain a first team place at Borussia Moenchengladbach.

But if the clubs cannot agree on a fee Graham is likely to switch his attention to Bayern Munich's Jean-Marie Pfaff.

FIFA referee Jan Keizer, who took charge of Scotland's recent international against Hungary, has been banned from officiating in his native Holland.

The Dutch FA's 'Coopertest' for referees requires them to run at least 2,800 metres in 12 minutes.

Keizer, 47, failed the test, and won't be employed again by the Dutch FA until he passes.

Karl-Heinz Rummenigge has sounded out the possibility of a return to Bayern Munich once he recovers from an Achilles tendon operation.

The 32-year-old striker has been edged out at Inter Milan with the signing of Belgian midfielder Enzo Scifo.

The West German Champions have responded cautiously.

Before offering their former star a contract he would have to train with them for six weeks and pass a strict medical.



HAVING put last week's surprise defeat by Oxford behind them, Queens Park Rangers scored two late goals to down Luton 2-0 and increase their lead in the English first division to four points after second-placed Tottenham was beaten.

A goal in the 70th minute by Dean Coney, followed by a Terry Fenwick penalty five minutes from the end, was enough to put the smiles back on the Londoners' faces and give them 22 points from nine matches.

But Chelsea renewed its challenge with an emphatic 3-0 win away to Watford which put it into second place.

Spurs, hit by injuries which sidelined England players Chris Waddle and Clive Allen, fell to Manchester United by the only goal of the match, a penalty a minute before half-time.

United, without Remi Moses because of ankle trouble, tested the Spur's defence in the first minute, but Brian McClair's shot was blocked by Mitchell Thomas.

England skipper Bryan Robson, playing in the unfamiliar centre-back role, moved forward to test the Spurs' defence, but his shot was deflected, and the visitors appeared to have weathered the pressure until a minute before half-time when their Argentine star Ossie Ardiles conceded a disputed penalty.

Ardiles was judged to have tripped Jesper Olsen and was still protesting the infringement happened outside the penalty area as McClair calmly slotted the ball past Ray Clemence.

Victory kept alive United's unbeaten home record and took it to sixth place, level on 16 points with Liverpool, which was without a game and has played only six matches against the nine of those sides above it.

Nottingham Forest moved into third place on 17 points with a 2-0 win away to lowly Norwich, which slipped to fourth from the bottom and looks to be facing a tough season.

Burns burned up?

Whisper it softly, but Swedish club IF Elfsborg have explained why they turned away 34-year-old former Scotland international Kenny Burns after a trial.

"He's too fat and too slow," they said.

Elfsborg signed Hungarian international Gabor Szanto from Ferencvaros instead.

VALDANO MYSTERY

Real Madrid have launched an investigation to discover why their Argentine international striker Jorge Valdano, recovering from hepatitis, was not registered with UEFA.

Now Valdano isn't eligible to play for the Spanish Champions in Europe this season before the Quarter-Final stages of the European Cup.

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